

# ZERO BEAT

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## Meeting Highlights

The meeting was called to order, and after the pledge, the roll call revealed 15 members present.

Bob, KA1YDG, read the minutes of the March 2nd meeting, which were accepted. Peter, KA1WOJ, read the treasurer's report. After questions about the electric bill, the report was accepted.

Committee Reports: Buildings and Grounds: Bill, WA1FYF, noted that the smoke pipe needs repair, as well as some preventive maintenance on the oil burner. The work should be done soon to prevent a bigger problem.

Technical: Bill, K1IBR, reported he was working on an antenna to replace the current repeater antenna. He is planning a climb soon.

There was no old business.

Under new business, Bob, KA1YDG, reported that he had someone come down to look at the road. A verbal quote of \$550 to pave the road with two loads of recycled tar, from the street to the end of the building on the tower side. The tar is crushed, and melts in the sun. Some concerns about the ABC trucks driving over it were expressed. The motion to accept the quote and get the work done passed. Bob was instructed to tell the contractor to use both loads to make a more rugged pavement.

Linda, KA1QCO, suggested we take a "band member" up on his offer to do the screens.

Len, WA1CNO, noted that the bathrooms had been cleaned by a member and his wife.

Bob, KA1YDG, noted that discussion of the workfare would be put off until the next meeting.

Larry, AA1FS, mentioned that he has one person taking the electronics construction class, and several are scheduled for the novice/tech theory to start April 24.

There was some discussion about licensing, tests, scanners, digital communications, and legislation.

It was noted that the club's amateur radio license had been renewed, and that there was a new trustee, Peter, KA1WOJ. Due to the lateness of preparing to submit the application, Bill Pierce, K1YMW, has transferred the trusteeship to Peter without notifying the club first.

Norm, W1ATI, made a motion to adjourn.

## On The Agenda

Robert Peckham, KA1YDG

The agenda will be short and sweet this month. Spring is upon us and it is the time for club upkeep. We currently have money set aside for painting the club and we hope to get it done real soon. Bill Miller informs me that he has made good progress on the lawn mower and it should be ready anytime. Contractor Steve Evangelo has been given the ok to go ahead and do the driveway with recycled tar and that will be done within the month.

On the technical side Bill Miller has a new antenna for the tower and will replace it in the near future. Bill Field has several small boiler projects and dates will be set at the next meeting for their completion.

Congratulations to Larry Houbre on his appointment to Assistant Section Manager for Southeastern Ma. area.

The May meeting will be Thursday May 5 and all are invited. Along with the normal business we hope to set work days for all the above projects. Hope to see you there.

## Space Briefs

WWW.AMSAT.ORG

Steve Bible, N7HPR, has announced that OSCAR satellite information is now available on the [www.amsat.org](http://www.amsat.org) web server. It can be accessed by clicking on "Spacecraft Information" from the AMSAT home page.

A summary of spacecraft information, description, and references are available for each of the amateur satellites that are operational. There will soon be a short description of each of the past amateur satellites, and there is a page of future amateur satellites with a description and links to other web pages.

### MIR

Miles, WF1F, reports that the packet radio BBS on Mir is active and working well. The only problem is the TNC has only a 22 kilobyte message storage area and it fills up quickly.

Miles reminds us that the Mir BBS should not be used in place of a Pacsat satellite or a terrestrial BBS. Terrestrial messages placed on the Mir BBS should include a packet radio return address, so responses can be directed by way of the packet radio network, and not the Mir space station.

Remember that the Mir PBBS can only accept one connection at a time. All other stations must STOP calling the Mir PBBS while a station is actively using the PBBS. Calling the PBBS, while someone else is logged in and trying to transfer data is poor operating practice and could be considered "intentional interference".

## Young Ham Award

The nominating period for 1995 "Young Ham of the Year Award" is open for any continental United States radio amateur, age 18 or younger holding a valid FCC license. Nominees will be judged on the way in which they have used ham radio to significantly contribute to the benefit of the Amateur Radio service, or to the state of the communications art, to their community.

All nominations must be submitted before April 30th, 1995 on an official application. These are available for a self addressed stamped envelope to the 1995 Young Ham of the Year Award, c/o Newline, 28197 Robin Avenue, Saugus, California 91350. Nominating applications are also available electronically with an E-Mail request to: B.PASTERNAK on GEnie or [billwa6itf@aol.com](mailto:billwa6itf@aol.com) via the Internet.

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## Martha's Vineyard

The Fall River Amateur Radio club will be operating a special event from Martha's Vineyard starting at 6pm on May 5, and closing up around 3pm on May 7. Many modes will be operated, including ATV! Listen for the W1ACT callsign.

## Mass QSO Party

The Framingham ARA is hosting the 1995 Massachusetts QSO Party on May 6-7. See the April 95 QST for the full rules.

## Special Olympics

The 1995 Special Olympics World Games is expected to be the biggest event in the USA in 1995, and it's being held in Connecticut, June 28-July 9! All Amateur Radio operators are invited to volunteer to take part in communication support for this enormous public service activity. More than 10,000 Special Athletes from 140 countries will participate in events at the Yale Bowl and elsewhere. Organizers expect more than a half-million spectators, celebrities and VIPs to be on hand. There's also a good chance that there may be many hours of national prime-time network TV coverage, and huge amounts of media publicity.

Brian Battles, WS10, has agreed to serve as volunteer Amateur Radio Liaison to the 1995 Special Olympics World Games and is planning several Amateur Radio

### Net Directory

Sun	8am	14.262	General	Thu	8pm	147.180+	Trivia
Sat	8am	7.237	UFO	Sat	1800G	14.300	Cst Grd
M-F	8am	28.375	General	4thSun	9pm	449.575	EM-ARRL
Sun	3pm	28.470	UFO	Daily	8pm	145.23-	EM-NTS
Daily	7pm	146.55	General	Please report any regularly scheduled nets to the editor!			
Thu	7pm	14.264	UFO				
Sat	7:30p	3.978	UFO				
M-F	8pm	145.490+	Weather				
Tue	8pm	3.978	UFO				

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activities. Clubs and individual amateurs are asked to assist by getting involved NOW, as the Games are drawing near and coordination is well underway.

Hams will operate a special-event station, W1SO (call sign courtesy of Bill Carpenter, W1SO, of Bristol), which is being managed by Neil Salowitz, WA1CBW, of Amston. Major ham radio manufacturers are acting as a corporate sponsor and donating the use of a large amount of equipment. If you or your club would like to participate, please call Neil right away at 203-228-4922.

Hams will provide communication assistance to each of the Host Communities throughout the state that are each hosting Special Athletes' delegations from a particular country. Amateurs will be needed to announce the delegations' arrival in each Host Community on June 28 via a special statewide traffic net. We need a Manager to coordinate this project and volunteers to originate these messages from each Host Community. Please contact me or ARRL Section Manager Betsey Doane, K1IEC, if you can help (203- 929-7759).

This is possibly the largest public service event we will ever see in Connecticut and it's an opportunity to exemplify the powerful capabilities that make Amateur Radio a vital national and international resource.

### ARRL helps disabled

Some good news for handicapped hams. Word that the new ARRL Sourcebook for the Disabled is available in electronic form from several sources. This includes Compuserve, America Online, the ARRL's own Hiram BBS, and the InfoServer via Internet at info@arrl.org. The Sourcebook describes sources for those helping the disabled both with licensing and operating needs. It's development and publication was funded by the ARRL Foundation.

### Packet Directory

144.990 NS1N	145.050 WA1ZUF	145.090 KC1CE
145.010 Fara Digi	145.070 WQ1O	145.090 KD1NU
145.010 N1CSI	145.090 AA1FS	145.710 KC1KM
145.030 N1JFU	145.090 K1UGM	145.710 N1LDY

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### Repeater Directory

145.150 - WA1DGW, Fall River	442.350 + N1QWW, New Bedford
145.490 - KA1WBF, Fairhaven	443.450 + K1MYL, Westport
146.700 - WA1RBT, Cranston	443.600 + NS1N, Norwell
146.655 - WA1GPO, Falmouth	443.800 + N1RFH, New Bedford
146.685 - N1OEG, Plymouth	444.250 + WA1GPO, Falmouth
147.000 + W1AEC, S. Dartmouth	444.350 + W1ACT, Fall River
147.045 + WA1AIC, Yarmouth	444.550 + WA1ZUF, Bridgewater
147.135 + ND1N, Taunton	446.325 - KA1CLX, Plymouth
147.180 + N1FDX, Bridgewater	446.625 - NC1K, Plymouth
147.315 + N1BBT, Wareham	447.075 - N1DZD, Kingston
	448.675 - N1FPH, W Greenwich
441.400 + WG1U, Assonet	
442.200 + NY1D, Fall River	

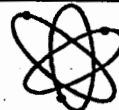
Know of any local repeater frequencies not listed here? Send them in to the editor!

## VE EXAMS

		<b>April</b>	
28:	Holyoke, MA	Ann, 413-245-3228	
29:	Kingston, RI	Dave, 401-792-5846	
29:	Slatersville, RI	Bob, 401-333-2129	
		<b>May</b>	
1:	Boston, MA	Bob, 617-593-1955	
3:	Acton, MA	Charles, 508-562-5622	
6:	S. Dartmouth, MA	Ray, 508-995-0334	
7:	Shirley, MA	Tom, 508-425-6672*	
10:	Billerica, MA	Bruce, 508-851-2886	
11:	Providence, RI	Judy, 401-231-9156	
13:	Braintree, MA	William, 617-843-4400	
13:	Chicopee, MA	Jim, 413-245-3228	
13:	Falmouth, MA	Geoffrey, 508-548-0969	
13:	Marlborough, MA	Bill, 617-891-9079	
14:	Gloucester, MA	Rick, 508-283-2278	
16:	Stoughton, MA	Bob, 508-583-3639	
17:	Lunenburg, MA	Tom, 508-534-9377*	
17:	N. Dartmouth, MA	Carol, 508-679-8527	
20:	Melrose, MA	Scott, 617-322-7654	
20:	Sturbridge, MA	Michael, 413-967-3851	
21:	Shirley, MA	Tom, 508-425-6672*	
24:	Cambridge, MA	Nick, 617-253-3776	
26:	Holyoke, MA	Ann, 413-245-3228	
27:	Lynn, MA	Herb, 508-468-2780	
27:	Slatersville, RI	Bob, 401-333-2129	
		<b>June</b>	
3:	Middletown, RI	Jack, 401-683-2250	
4:	Shirley, MA	Tom, 508-425-6672*	
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7:	Acton, MA	Charles, 508-562-5622	
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10:	Braintree, MA	William, 617-843-4400	
10:	Brewster, MA	Henry, 508-255-2818	

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11:	Gloucester, MA	Rick, 508-283-2278

## CALENDAR

<b>April</b>		20:	Flea, Forestdale RI
24-28:	6:30p, N/T Class, SEMARA	21:	MIT Flea, Cambridge
28-30:	Dayton, OH	<b>June</b>	
30:	Groton Road Race	1:	7:30p, SEMARA Meeting
30:	March of Dimes Walkathon	4:	AIDS Pledge Walk
<b>May</b>		16-17:	10-10 Net Convention, AL
4:	7:30p, SEMARA Meeting	18:	MIT Flea, Cambridge
5-7:	Martha's Vineyard Event	24-25:	Field Day
6-7:	Mass. QSO Party	25:	Harvard Bike Race
7:	Walk for Hunger, Boston	28:	Special Olympics
12-13:	Hoss Traders, NH		

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