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Meeting Highlights

The meeting was called to order at 7:42 pm on June 6. Roll call revealed 17 members. The minutes and treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

During committee reports, Bill, K1IBR, reported that he had cut the grass, and that he is planning to tune the cavities this month. Bill, WA1FYF, reported that he has all the parts for the furnace, and will be installing them soon.

During old business, Bob, KA1YDG, noted that they still need volunteers for the Fairhaven Road Race. It was also noted that the painting should get done soon. It was mentioned that the club license expires on January 4th, 2005. It was voted to keep all official club documents in the fire safe at Bill Miller's, K1IBR, home. Bill will provide laminated copies of all the documents.

After a short discussion about upcoming and past legislation that may affect amateur radio operators, the meeting adjourned.

As of this issue, Bob, KA1YGD, reports that "official" meetings were not held in July and August due to low attendance. The next meeting is September 7th.

Don't forget the HAM FEST is September 10th!

Annual SET October 21-22

The ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET) is a nationwide exercise in emergency communications administered by ECs and NMs. Both ARES and the National Traffic System (NTS) are involved. The SET weekend gives communicators the opportunity to focus on emergency communications capability within your community while interacting with NTS nets. The SET weekend is being held October 21 and 22. More details are available in QST.

Ham Radio Week in Westport

An informal, but active group called the "WHAMS" (Westport HAMS) has pulled off a nice publicity coup: they worked with the Westport Town Council to have June 19-25 declared "Amateur Radio Week," according to Paul, WA1DPR.

Mass. Ham License Plates

The Department of Motor Vehicles has a special phone number for requesting "special/vanity" plates. That number is 617-351-9322. Call and request information for ordering ham radio plates; they will send a short form, along with instructions on what to do.

The form simply asks for your name, callsign, signature, and date. The instruction form tells you to fill out the above-mentioned form, and send in payment of \$20 and a copy of your license with the form.

In eight to twelve weeks, the plates will be ready and then DMV will notify you. You will need to fill out another form, and pay the remaining \$20.

Easter Island Expedition

Joe Rich, N1OCS, of Newton, has been invited to participate in a 31-member multi-national team going on a DX-pedition to Easter Island and Salas y Gomez on September 2, 1995.

According to Joe, the group will use the callsigns XR0Y and XR0Z, respectively. QSL manager is AB7BB. Joe says the group plans to work all modes, including moon-bounce. He adds, "We are very fortunate to receive permission from the Chilean government to use 30-meters during the operation."

Although Salas y Gomez counts as Easter Island for the DXCC award, IOTA ("Islands On the Air") chasers

will have a special treat, according to Joe. "The team will activate Salas y Gomez as a new IOTA. Joe adds, "After permission was attained for Salas y Gomez, the entire tiny island was declared a sanctuary. So future landings are less likely, making this IOTA contact more important."

"We hope to accomplish many firsts with this expedition," says Joe. "We will be conducting marine, radio, and Internet research made possible by these remote geographical locations." Insofar as operating goals, Joe hopes to reach as many amateurs as possible—especially those with 1-calls.

Seekonk OKs 6 Radio Towers

Seekonk — The zoning board of appeals unanimously approved the construction of six radio towers at 49 Robin Hood Drive Monday night. The towers, which will range in height from 80 feet to 130 feet, will support shortwave radio transmitting and receiving antennae.

"This site is ideal because there are no homes within a quarter-mile," said Charles Morrison [WZ1R], who will be the owner of the towers.

Morrison raised six oversized balloons in the spots, where he intends to build the towers in an attempt to see how much effect the towers would have on the sight line of his neighbors.

Trees will obscure the towers up to 95 feet above ground, affording a view of only the top 35 feet of one of the towers and five feet of another, he said. "My neighbors are not going to even realize that these towers are there."

Brockton Salutes Amateurs

"Mayor Win Farwell of Brockton formally declared the week of June 19-25 as Amateur Radio Week. In the official proclamation, the mayor cited that The City of Brockton and surrounding communities have more

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than 100 FCC-licensed Amateur Radio operators, who donate their services free of charge to the City, in the interest of the citizens and the surrounding communities. The proclamation was mounted on a wood plaque and presented by the mayor's staff to Carl Aveni, N1FYZ, and Joe Deree, N1SGU, on Thursday June 22, just before Field Day. The plaque will be at the next meeting for everyone to see."

Eastern States Exhibition

Larry, K1HEJ, in Connecticut is organizing the amateur radio exhibit that ESE puts on every year. The free event runs from 10 am to 10 pm from September 16 through October 1. If you are interested in manning the exhibit during this special event, contact Larry at 203-223-0778.

Jimmy Fund Walk

A 26 mile marathon walk to benefit the Jimmy Fund for children's cancer research is being held September 10. The event is produced by the Boston Athletic Association, that also runs the annual BAA marathon. Ham operation is expected on 2 meters. If you'd like to help, contact Bob Salow, WA1IDA, at 508-650-9440.

Phone for New Callsign

You can now call the ARRL at 1-800-326-3942 between the hours of 8 AM and 4 PM, and quickly determine the new callsign of examinee that recently passed a VE ad-

Net Directory

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------------------|---------|---------|-------|-----------------|-----------|
| Sun | 8pm | 14,252 | General | Thu | 8pm | 147,580 + Trkls | |
| Sat | 8pm | 7,237 | LFO | Sat | 1800G | 14,300 | Call Grid |
| M-F | 8pm | 28,378 | General | 4th/Sun | 8pm | 448,878 | EMANTS |
| Sun | 3pm | 28,470 | LFO | Daily | 8pm | 148,23- | EMANTS |
| Daily | 7pm | 148,55 | General | | | | |
| Thu | 7pm | 14,284 | LFO | | | | |
| Sat | 7:30p | 2,478 | LFO | | | | |
| M-F | 8pm | 148,620 + Weather | | | | | |
| Tue | 8pm | 3,278 | LFO | | | | |

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ministered test. FCC rules allow new hams to start operating as soon as the license is issued, rather than in hand. The FCC offers the information, but the phones are usually very busy.

Public Information Officers

Public Information Officers (PIO) are appointed by and report to the Section Public Information Coordinator (PIC) of the ARRL Section. The PIO promotes amateur radio and its activities to the general public, and acts as liaison for the area to the PIC. A PIC does not have to be a "PR Expert". For more info, call Ed, N1PBA.

HRO Online

Ham Radio Outlet is on the internet at <http://www.ham-radio.com>. There are links to the ARRL home page, as well as others.

FCC Online

The FCC is online at <http://www.fcc.gov>. It has links to all sorts of goodies!

Editor's Note

There was no June or July issue of the Zerobeat published in 1995. If you're looking for those issues, look no further.

Packet Directory

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| 145.000 N51N | 145.010 WA1ZUF | 145.060 KC1CE |
| 145.010 Park Ogl | 145.070 W01D | 145.090 KD1NU |
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Repeater Directory

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| 145.400 - KA1NDF, Fairhaven | 443.450 - K1MYL, Westport |
| 145.700 - WA1RET, Orono | 443.500 - N51N, Norwell |
| 145.550 - WA1QPO, Fairmouth | 443.800 - N1RPH, New Bedford |
| 145.595 - N1OEG, Plymouth | 444.250 - WA1QPO, Fairmouth |
| 147.000 - W1AEC, S. Dartmouth | 444.350 - W1ACT, Fall River |
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| 147.135 - N01N, Taunton | 445.305 - K1CLX, Plymouth |
| 147.180 - N1FDK, Bridgewater | 445.505 - N01K, Plymouth |
| 147.315 - N1BET, Wareham | 447.015 - N1DZD, Kingstons |
| 441.400 - W01U, Assonet | 448.575 - N1RPH, W. Greenwich |
| 442.200 - N110, Fall River | |

None of any local repeater frequencies are listed here! Send them in to the editor!

VE EXAMS

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| | | August | |
| 26: | Lynn, MA | Herb, 508-468-2780 | |
| | | September | |
| 2: | Pembroke, MA | Tom, 617-585-9425 | |
| 3: | Shirley, MA | Tom, 508-425-6672 | |
| 4: | Boston, MA | Bob, 617-593-1955 | |
| 6: | Acton, MA | Charles, 508-562-5622 | |
| 9: | Braintree, MA | William, 617-843-4400 | |
| 9: | Falmouth, MA | Ron, 508-540-0977 | |
| 9: | Marlborough, MA | Bill, 617-891-9079 | |
| 10: | Gloucester, MA | Fick, 508-283-2278 | |
| 13: | Billerica, MA | Bruce, 508-851-2886 | |
| 14: | Providence, RI | Judy, 401-231-9156 | |
| 16: | Melrose, MA | Scott, 617-322-7654 | |
| 17: | Shirley, MA | Tom, 508-425-6672 | |
| 20: | Cambridge, MA | Nick, 617-253-3776 | |
| 20: | Lunenburg, MA | Tom, 508-534-9377 | |
| 22: | Holyoke, MA | Ann, 413-245-3228 | |
| 23: | Lynn, MA | Herb, 508-468-2780 | |
| 30: | Middletown, RI | Jack, 401-683-2250 | |
| 30: | Slatersville, RI | Bob, 401-333-2129 | |
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| 4: | Acton, MA | Charles, 508-562-5622 | |
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CALENDAR

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| September | 14-15 Westport Harvest |
| 2: 11a, VE Exams, So. Dart. | 15: MIT Flea, Cambridge |
| 7: 7:30p, SEMARA Meeting | 21: ARRL SET |
| 10: Ham Fest, So. Dart. | 21: JOTA |
| 16: Flea, Forestdale | November |
| 17: MIT Flea, Cambridge | 2: 7:30p, SEMARA Meeting |
| 24: Flea, Framingham | December |
| 24: Comp Show, Taunton | 7: 7:30p, SEMARA Meeting |
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| 5: 7:30p, SEMARA Meeting | |
| 6-7: Hoss Traders, NH | |

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