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## Dues due before dew

Reminder: Annual club dues is due! If you haven't yet paid your dues, it's now due. The dues is still \$20. Do pay your dues before the next dew. Can you do it?

## Dec. 1995 Meeting Highlights

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. Roll call revealed fifteen members and two guests present. Being that there was no secretary or treasurer present, the reports were not read.

For committee reports, Bill, WA1FYF, for Buildings and Grounds reported that there was plenty of oil.

The guests were Craig and Caroline from Cajmont Vending Company. They presented a possibility of the club making some money by sponsoring vending machines. The club would make \$5.00 a month for each machine placed. They can be reached at 508-993-3293.

There was no old business. During new business, it was mentioned that the repeater's autopatch was sometimes not allowing itself to be shut down.

After nominations, one vote was cast for the nominees. (See the 1996 officers box). The meeting adjourned.

## Jan. 1996 Meeting Highlights

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Following the salute to the flag and roll call, the secretary's report for December 7, 1995 was submitted by Karen Peckham, N1LIE, and read by Bill Field, WA1FYF. A detailed treasurer's report was given by Pete Carreiro, KA1WOJ.

For committee reports, Bill Miller, K1IBR, for the technical committee reported the repeater has been tuned and adjusted. Also, the low temperature alarm con-

nected to the repeater has been upgraded, and will sound as soon as the safety trips, which will give several hours more notice of a failure.

For new business, three continuing motions were renewed: Dues for newly licensed hams shall be \$5 for the remainder of the year. Dues for new members joining at the September Ham Fest shall be \$20, and include the remainder of the current year, and the full next year. The treasurer and secretary shall be authorized to make a donation of \$25 to a charitable organization for an immediate family member of a club member.

After the meeting, a blind auction was held. Bill Field, WA1FYF, was the lucky bidder that took home the prize.

## Feb. 1996 Meeting Highlights

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. After the salute to the flag and roll call, the secretary's report was read and accepted. The treasurer reported he had just received the records and had not looked them over yet, but that he has over \$300 to be deposited.

For committee reports, Bill, K1IBR, reported that he was looking for volunteers to chair different committees. Bill also reported that there was a defective relay

### CLUB EVENT CALENDAR

All events held at 7:30 P.M. at the clubhouse  
unless otherwise indicated.

- March 7: Business meeting and equipment auction
- March 14: Spring cleaning inside clubhouse
- March 21: Talk by Phil Temples, K9HI, ARRL Eastern Massachusetts Section Manager
- April 4: Business meeting and "blind" gift exchange
- April 13: Spring cleanup of club grounds (8am-noon)
- April 18: Talk about Skywarn by Rob Macedo, KD1CY
- May 2: Business meeting
- May 16: Technical talk about operational amplifiers by Bill Miller, K1IBR

in the repeater that caused the false 'cold' alarm. Bob Peckham mentioned he will run a class in April.

For old business, a motion that the club repeater be designated as primary use of the New Bedford and Dartmouth emergency management departments during storms and emergencies was passed.

During new business, Bill, WA1FYF, read the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting. Included were five proposals and recommendations to be presented to the membership:

1) Cajon Vending Machine Company: Bill, K1IBR, gave the details of his conversation with CVM, explaining that they make all the arrangements and leg work. All we do is give them a letter of endorsement, and they'll give us \$5 per month for every machine that gets placed with our name on it. A motion to accept CVM's offer was passed.

2) New rental agreement form. A new rental agreement form, with a few minor changes, and emphasis on having the names and phone numbers of people to contact was accepted.

3) Sale of surplus property. A motion to sell off surplus club property, all valued at less than \$100 each, at the March meeting, was passed.

4) Redesign the kitchen area. A motion to enlarge the kitchen area was passed.

5) Special activities on the third Thursday of each month. A motion to try to schedule special events and speakers on the third Thursday of each month passed.

The meeting adjourned, and was followed by a chicken raffle and blind auction.

## President's Message

Bill Miller, K1IBR

First, I thank everyone for this opportunity to serve your club as it's President. Your trust in me is deeply appreciated.

Second, as outlined at the January meeting, my vision of club activity for 1996 includes a major event each quarter of the year:

- Spring - Clubhouse cleaning and repair
- Summer - Field Day and/or 2 meter mobile hunts
- Fall - September hamfest
- Winter - Christmas party

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Other activities as proposed for the year 1996 include: "blind" auctions following the business meeting each month (Members wrap and donate "ham" related items to the club. They are auctioned off sight unseen). Another idea is to hold "swap or take-a-chance" raffles (the winner of each raffle drawing can take an unwrapped gift from a previous winner or take a chance on an unknown wrapped gift. At the end of the drawings, the winner of the first ticket drawn can select any one of the gifts if his winning gift was taken from him). Finally, the third Thursday of each month is set aside for technical talks, videos, presentations by ARRL representatives, and any other activities to benefit the club.

There is one very important ingredient necessary for success of the above recipe - YOU. See YOU at the next meeting.

## ARRL Section Manager

Phil Temples, K9HI, the Eastern Massachusetts Section Manager for the ARRL, will be speaking at the SEMARA club building on March 21 at 7:30 p.m.

All club members and hams in the area are welcome to attend.

## April Meeting Fun

Bill Miller, K1IBR

Like opening surprise gifts? Then bring a gift to (\$2 to \$5 value) to the April 4th business meeting. Wrap the

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gift in anything from plain brown paper to fancy gift wrap - but don't put any name or markings on it. Any member bringing a gift to the meeting will receive a ticket when the gift is put on the gift table. After the meeting, tickets will be drawn at random. The first ticket holder drawn gets to choose any gift off the table. The gift is unwrapped to reveal what it is. The second ticket holder selects a gift off the table and also unwraps it. The second gift holder has the option of keeping the gift just unwrapped or trading it for any unwrapped gift in the room (in this case only #1's gift is available). And so it proceeds until all the gifts are selected, unwrapped, and possibly swapped. Finally, the #1 ticket holder gets to select and trade for any gift in the room (since he initially never had a chance to trade). It should be a fun night as you never know who will trade what for what.

## Submission Deadline

Submissions to the Zerobeat newsletter are due the third Thursday of each month. Electronic media is preferred, but not required. You can also upload your submissions to Dreamer's Online! at 508-991-6058, or e-mail them to AA1FS@dreamers.groupnet.org. Either way, we welcome your submissions. Please note that making a submission does NOT guarantee it will be published. Space availability and appropriateness will determine. The editor has the last word. (Do YOU want to be the editor?)

We will attempt to print and mail the Zerobeat out by the Thursday before each month's meeting. Folders, stampers, etc. are welcome to help.

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146.700 - WA1RBT, Cranston	443.450+ K1MYL, Westport
146.655 - WA1GPO, Falmouth	443.600+ NS1N, Norwell
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224.340 - N1SGK, Dennis	448.675 - N1FPH, W Greenwich
441.400+ WG1U, Assonet	

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

## VE EXAMS

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 09: Marlborough, MA Bill, 617.891.9079  
 10: Gloucester, MA Rick, 508.283.2278  
 11: Boston, MA Bob, 617.593.1955  
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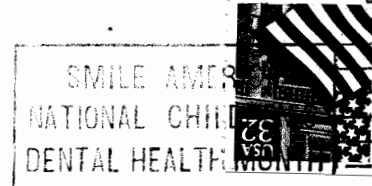
## Private HAM Satellite

Bob Bruninga, WB4APR may become the first ham with his own amateur radio satellite in space. The Maryland ham hopes to have the new amateur radio satellite in orbit by next summer.

## CALENDAR

March	May
7: SEMARA meeting, 7:30p	2: SEMARA meeting, 7:30p
21: K9HI, ARRL EMA Section manager at SEMARA	18: Flea, Forestdale, RI
April	June
4: SEMARA meeting, 7:30p	6: SEMARA meeting, 7:30p
15: Boston Marathon	16: MIT Flea, Cambridge
21: MIT Flea, Cambridge	July
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