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## Mar. 1996 Meeting Highlights

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll call revealed ten members present. The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

For committee reports, Bill, WA1FYF, for Buildings and Grounds reported that there was 107 gallons of fuel oil on hand as of February 29. Average oil usage was 3.9 gallons per day in February. Also reported was that a section of the roof was discovered to be damaged. A flat section had been blown off the west side of the Quonset Hut. A temporary patch was applied.

Under ratifications, Ron Cabral, N1USF, was voted in as a conditional member.

There was no old business. During new business, Bill, K1IBR, reported he has spoken to Sandy, owner of Little Peoples College, about the wheel ruts in the grass. She will have her maintenance man take care of it.

The equipment auction was postponed until the next meeting, except for a computer monitor which went for \$5, and an equipment rack which was voted to be donated to Your Theatre in New Bedford.

Bill, K1IBR, mentioned that 4 of the 5 proposals made by the board of directors at their February meeting had been completed. The meeting adjourned.

## May Meeting Fun

Bill Miller, K1IBR

Like opening surprise gifts? Then bring a gift to (\$2 to \$5 value) to the May 2nd business meeting. Wrap the 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 tick-

et 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.

## Club Spring Cleaning

March 14th was Spring cleaning day at the club. The first crew arrived at 10 a.m. and literally tore into the Quonset hut. Trash was removed. Broken light fixtures were repaired. Loose outlets were tightened. Floors were vacuumed. The second crew arrived at about 7 p.m. and tackled the main meeting room and rest rooms. There was so much cleaning required that the next morning was needed to finish the job. THANKS to the following members for a job well done: John Carreiro, W1ZYV, Bill Field, WA1FYF, Dick Houghton, KA1YVI, Bill Miller, K1IBR, Andy Reuter, WA1FNM, and

### CLUB EVENT CALENDAR

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

April 4: Business meeting and equipment auction  
April 11: Board of Directors Meeting  
April 13: Spring cleanup of club grounds (8am-noon)  
April 18: Talk about Skywarn by Rob Macedo, KD1CY

May 2: Business meeting and "blind" gift exchange  
May 4: VE Session, 10:30 am  
May 9: ARES organizational meeting  
May 16: Technical talk about operational amplifiers by Bill Miller, K1IBR

June 6: Business Meeting and Raffle  
June 20: "Coffee Hour" and social meeting. Club to provide free coffee, members to bring "potluck" pastery goodies

July 11: Business Meeting

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## CALENDAR

<b>April</b>	11: CEMARC meeting
15: Boston Marathon	18: Flea, Forestdale, RI
21: MIT Flea, Cambridge	19: MIT Flea, Cambridge
25: NWS/ARRL meeting, Taunton	June
<b>May</b>	16: MIT Flea, Cambridge
4: VE Session, N. Dart. 10:30a	July
9: ARES meeting, N. Dart., 7:30p	21: MIT Flea, Cambridge

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Bill Vincent, N1LTY. A special thanks to Mrs. Reuter who washed, starched, and irons the curtains in the main clubhouse.

## New Kitchen Area

The club has a new kitchen area thanks to the donation of labor and materials by Bill Field, WA1FYF, Andy Reuter, WA1FNM, and Bill Miller, K1IBR. The old kitchen area was expanded by moving the serving counters outwards about three feet, and installing a wall from the sink out to the counter. Now the kitchen workers can move about without rubbing their derrieres. Anyone for a potluck dinner? (Got to christen the new kitchen, you know!)

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