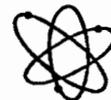


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Apr. 1996 Meeting Highlights

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

For committee reports, Bill, WA1FYF, Buildings and Grounds, gave a detailed report. Bob, KA1YDG, noted that he would like to start a class, but needs a code teacher, and backup theory teachers. Bill, K1IBR, reported that the ham fest flyers are ready.

For old business, Bill, K1IBR, noted official "thank you" to the anonymous donor of the ARRL flag, and the six members that got a new refrigerator for the club. Bill also read several letters the club received.

During new business, Bill, K1IBR, reported that Little Peoples College is fixing up the driveway problems caused by the dumpster trucks. Bill also noted that the club phone no longer has any out-of-state long distance service. He also thanked several members: Wayne Kingsley, WA1CCM, for a new sign, Ed Blouin, KA1AW, for a mower motor, Alan Dulong, WB1FQP, for a floor jack, Scott Szala, AA1EV, for a fiberglass antenna tube, Bob Peckham, KA1YDG, for flood lights, Steve Spulock, N1DSN, for a 5-band vertical. The club voted to replace the current rotor and tribander with the 5-band vertical.

After other announcements, the meeting adjourned.

May Meeting Fun

Like opening surprise gifts? Then bring a gift (\$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 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.

In Memoriam

Ernest Lavalette, W1FXH, born in 1912, became a silent key on March 31, 1996. He was one of the original members of SEMARA. He wrote an amateur radio news column for the local newspaper in the late thirties. One of Ernie's lifelong hobbies was collecting news clippings of amateur radio activities. He filled many scrapbooks, and several years ago allowed the club to photocopy his clippings from the thirties and forties. Adorning the east wall of the club is a "wouff-hong" made by Ernie in 1936 and below it is his official certificate of indoctrination into the society. Ernie was a "ham" from the "old school" and enjoyed C.W. on 80 meters where he was rock-bound on 3745. Rest in peace, Ernie. 73

Renew ARRL Membership

Renew your ARRL membership through SEMARA! It costs the same, and the club gets a piece of the action!

CLUB EVENT CALENDAR

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

- 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

1996 SEMARA OFFICERS

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Buildings/Grounds: Bill Field, WA1FYF, Chairman
Technical: Robert J. Peckham, KA1YDG, Chairman
Ham Fest: William M. Miller, K1IBR, Chairman

Cajmont Vending Update

Our venture with Cajmont Vending Company is bearing fruit! To date there are three machines with our message in various local businesses. Two are in Mid-City Automotive stores (both Purchase and North streets) and one is in the Garden Pizza & sub shop on Union street.

Since every vending machine placement brings revenue into the club, members should notify any club officer of businesses willing to have a machine installed. Remember: more machines placed equals more club revenue equals more fun projects the club can undertake.

Electronic Mailing Lists

For those of you with "internet mail" access, there are several mailing lists available. "SEMARA-L" is the list for club members, and "SEMCARES-L" is the list for the ARES organizations in the Southeastern Massachusetts coastal areas. To subscribe, send a message to LISTSERV@DREAMERS.GROUPNET.ORG, with any

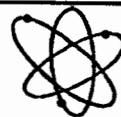
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CALENDAR

April	19: MIT Flea, Cambridge
25: NWS/ARRL meeting, Taunton	31: ARRL Convention, NY
May	June
4: VE Session, N. Dart. 10:30a	16: Fairhaven Road Race
9: ARES meeting, N. Dart., 7:30p	16: MIT Flea, Cambridge
10,11: Hoss Traders, NH	22-23: Field Day
11: CEMARC meeting	July
18: Flea, Forestdale, RI	21: MIT Flea, Cambridge
18: MEMA Fair	

subject, and the message text SUBSCRIBE SEMARA-L (or SEMCARES-L). The mailing list will automatically respond in a few hours with your subscription status.

Roof Repair Completed

Early Thursday morning, March 28, Ed Blouin, KA1AW, Bill Field, WA1FYF, Bill Miller, K1IBR, and Andy Reuter, WA1FNM, arrived at the club and implemented operation "Roof Fix". The addition to the rear of the Quonset hut needed a new roof because of storm damage. An inventory of materials revealed that one more roll of roofing paper was required, so Bill Field headed off on a special mission to Home Depot. In the meantime, the rest of the crew installed the fascia boards and plywood surface upon which to install the double coverage roofing. Five hours and ten gallons of tar and sweat later the job was completed and the tarballs headed home!

