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June 1996 Meeting Highlights

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The roll call revealed 15 members present. The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

Bill, K1IBR, reported for the technical committee that the 2 meter antenna he constructed is ready to be installed, and will be done Saturday morning, weather permitting.

The building committee reported that 5 gallons of paint for the building is on hand.

The hamfest committee reported that notifications have been sent out, ads in newspapers have been arranged, and the event is listed in several internet and other publications. Five hundred flyers are available to hand out.

Bill, K1IBR, reported on a letter received from Cajmont Vending Machine, notifying the club that two more machines have been placed, one at Jimmy Conners, and one at the Boston Coffee House.

Bill reported that the membership package is complete, and is available for pickup on the back table. The rest would be mailed. Bill thanked those who donated time and effort: Bill Field, Bill Vincent, John Carreiro, and Larry Houbre. A motion was made and passed to pay the postage to mail the membership packages.

Bill also thanked Marty, KA1YFZ, for a new battery for the lawnmower. Larry, AA1FS, reminded everyone of the Fairhaven Road Race event on June 16. Bill Miller read a proposed bylaw amendment changing sections concerning dues and fees.

Bylaw Amendment

As provided in Section XII of the Constitution, we, the undersigned, hereby petition the Southeastern Massachusetts Amateur Radio Association, Inc. to modify the corporation bylaws as follows:

1. Article I, Section 2, delete third sentence.

2. Article II, Section 2, replace with: The dues rate for full, conditional, family, and associate members shall be set for each year at the November business meeting of the previous year. The Board of Directors shall submit recommended rates for consideration and vote by the members. The approved dues rates shall be permanently posted in the clubhouse. New members shall have their dues prorated by the treasurer to the nearest dollar for the month they join the organization.

Respectfully submitted: William Miller, K1IBR, William Field, WA1FYF, William Vincent, N1LTY, Andrew Reuter, WA1FNM, Larry Houbre, AA1FS.

In Memorial

Gordan C. Avery, 86, died Thursday, June 20, 1996. A long time member of the club, Gordon, W1LND, lived in Marion and owned and operated the Gordon C. Avery Investment and Securities Company in New Bedford. He was active in community affairs such as the Kiwanis Club and Boy Scouts, and was a past chairman of the United Way fund drive.

A Friend and Fellow Ham

John G. Carreiro

As they say - everything comes to an end. That's what happened to my friend Alfred "Al" Huntington, K1LBD. Al loved electronics. He was a disabled vet. He fought a

CLUB EVENT CALENDAR

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

July 2: Board of Directors Meeting, 6:30 pm
July 6: VE Session, 10:30 am
July 11: Business Meeting

August 1: Business Meeting
August 15: ARRL Video Night

September 5: Business meeting
September 8: Ham Fest/Flea Market
September 12: ARES Meeting
September 30: Board of Directors Meeting, 6:30 pm

1996 SEMARA OFFICERS

President: William M. Miller, Jr., K1IBR, 996-2969
Vice-President: Marty Jordan, KA1YFZ, 993-5765
Secretary: William Field, WA1FYF, 996-4692
Treasurer: Lawrence R. Houbre, Jr., AA1FS, 991-8055

Board Members: Robert J. Peckham, KA1YDG
William L. Vincent, N1LTY
Scott Szala, AA1EV

Trustees: Joe Midurski, W1EKW
Edward Blouin, KA1AW
Andrew Reuter, WA1FNM
William M. Miller, Jr. K1IBR
Norman Riley, W1ATI

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

CALENDAR

July	21: Flea, Forestdale, RI
6: VE Testing, 10:30, SEMARA	28: VE Testing, 10:30, SEMARA
21: MIT Flea, Cambridge	October
August	4,5: Hoes Traders, NH
18: MIT Flea, Cambridge	5,6: ARRL NE DIV Convention, Boxboro
September	19-20: Jamboree On The Air
8: SEMARA Ham Fest, 8a-1p	20: MIT Flea, Cambridge
8: VE Testing, 10:00, SEMARA	28: Ham Fest, Plymouth
15: MIT Flea, Cambridge	

long battle with cancer. Al lived for 76 years and passed away May 27, 1996. We were friends for a long time because we liked the same hobbies and we liked to discuss the philosophy of life.

Building different electronic gadgets was a past time. We went to computer shows together. He had a 486 with Windows. Like some of us he had a super vegetable garden. He brewed his own beer, too!

Having enlisted on January 20, 1942 at 21, he was assigned to the Third Tactical Air Communication Squadron. His army air force m.o.s. was as a radio operator and repair mechanic. While serving in Europe, he was loaned to the British First Army to conduct signal intelligence. Al was discharged on July 1, 1945.

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Later Al married and worked as a letter carrier. Ten years ago doctors discovered that he had cancer. He and Evelyn, his wife, put up a fight. The cancer wouldn't quit and finally Al succumbed to this terrible disease.

Everything comes to an end but Al's memory won't.

P.S. The P.C. Action Computer Club has donated a sum of money in Al's memory to The SEMARA Club.

Painting

Following weeks of patching, sanding, and scraping, the first brush of paint hit the south clubhouse wall on Thursday, June 27th. The day before Andy, WA1FNM, and Bill, K1IBR, moved the porch an inch away from the clubhouse wall and anchored it in place with galvanized bolts (similar to the front porch design). The colorful paint crew (chocolate brown and barn red) consisted of one Andy and three Bills (WA1FNM, WA1FYF, N1LTY, K1IBR). In preparation for painting the front of the club, the club call letters and main sign were taken down. Anyone that is interested in helping to paint the club should call Bill, K1IBR, at (508) 996-2969 to be put on the callout list. All volunteers will be called the day before any painting (several days before if possible).

