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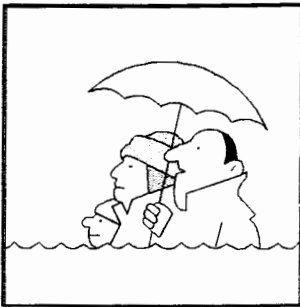
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October 1996

FLEAMARKET A SUCCESS

DESPITE THE THREAT OF RAIN!

The annual SEMARA Flea-market was held on September 8th despite the threat of rain.



Although it rained torrentially in the early morning hours, after 6:30 AM

not a drop fell. The threat of rain did take its toll, however. Less than half the vendors that preregistered made an appearance at the fleamarket. The turnout of buyers was down for the same reason. However, the good news is that the club made a tidy profit of over \$400.00! Not bad considering the weather.

About ten new members joined the club under the "Flea-market Special" plan where one years dues paid them thru 1997. Some people still know a good deal when they see it!

The best deal at the fleamarket was the seller with a table of FREE parts. Anyone that does homebrewing was in "Ham Heaven". One lucky member took home a crystal checker and an antenna tuner from that table. As they say, "What a

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The September business meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM. There were 21 members and 2 guests present. After the salute to the flag and roll call, the Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

Committee reports followed: *Technical* - The 5 band vertical antenna installation is complete and operational. *Buildings & Grounds* - The painting of the club is finished. Two decorative fences have been installed, one over the outside heating duct and one by the generator. *Code & Theory Class* - Class may be cancelled as only 2 people have signed up for training.

Cajmont Vending notified us that another business has installed a gum ball machine that supports our club - Michael's Cappuccino Cafe.

Ratifications: **Ronald Cabral, N1USF**, to full member; **Peter Lagasse, N1XKD**, to conditional member; **Rick Cabral, N1RFH**, reinstated; and **Tony Oliveira, W1PWL**, associate member.



...and the message is - "TILT"

440 REPEATER PROPOSED FOR CLUB

The Greater New Bedford UHF Repeater Group (GNBURG) has proposed installing their 440 repeater at our club. The basic proposal was presented to Club President **Bill Miller, K1IBR**, on September 10th. Following that meeting, GNBURG tendered a written proposal to the club outlining the terms and conditions of the proposal. The Board of Directors will review the proposal at their September 30th meeting and present their recommendation to the membership at the October 3rd business meeting.

GNBURG's proposal: Install their repeater in our boiler room and initially use the existing 440 antenna on our tower. The existing phone line would be shared by both repeaters (both repeater controllers are designed for this type of interconnect). The repeater will be an "open" repeater. However, because of occasional skip problems the repeater will run with CTCSS on both receive and transmit. The CTCSS frequency is 88.5 Hz. CTCSS may be temporarily turned off if requested.

All SEMARA members will have full use of the repeater free of charge, including manual dial autopatch. The repeater will be available for special events and emergency communications.

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deal!" Others got transmitter quality variable capacitors and other such parts. (When asked what was going on, the seller said the stuff was from an estate and he just wanted to get rid of it.)

The new fleamarket layout with all club activities clustered around the clubhouse worked well. However, there is always room for improvement, and to that end a punch list of ideas to improve the event next year was made. First, it was noted that a designated "runner" should be appointed to get items needed during the course of the fleamarket. For example, we ran out of cream for the coffee. Next we ran out of hot-dog buns. Each time we had to "find" someone to fetch the item.

It was noted that we need better "gate control". For one, a moveable post and chain is needed to block the driveway and funnel walk-ins to the registration booth. Also required is a "pass" or other means of identifying those that have paid, bought items at the event, then left to put goodies in their car.

During the initial setup period, we need a coordinator to direct each vendor to his assigned spot. Fortunately, because of the low turnout this time, placement of vendors was not a problem. If all the vendors that preregistered showed up, we would have had a bit of a problem.

During the VE Session, the club should be off limits except for the rest room facilities. People hanging around the club

and ragchewing was not only disturbing to those taking the VE exams (especially the code test), but was unnecessary. It sent the message to the potential members taking the tests that we as a club are insensitive to others.

Speaking of future members, we should have one person adjacent to the registration booth answering questions about our club and handling membership applications. This person would have the necessary applications for membership, the new member information package, and several copies of ZERO BEAT.

Finally, the time of the fleamarket should be changed to 9 AM to 1 PM, since after 1 PM things slow down and fade away.

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One key to the boiler room would be given to the GNBURG sponsor, **Richard Cabral, N1RF1**.

Future plans call for installation of 7/8 coax and a Comet 440 antenna on the tower. The coax is the short roll presently stored in our shed. The antenna is owned by GNBURG and would become SEMARA property if GNBURG terminated their repeater operation at our location.

Finally, linking our 2 meter repeater with their 440 repeater to allow cross band use is also proposed as a future upgrade. This link could be turned on and off by tones.

ARES MEETING

SEMCARES held their September 12th meeting at the SEMARA clubhouse with 18 attendees present. **Rob, KD1CY** chaired the meeting. Five items were on the evenings agenda:

1. **Simulated emergency test** - a tentative date of Tuesday, October 15th from 7 to 9 PM was set.

2. **Formulation of an emergency plan** - the number of radio operators required by each town and the need for close cooperation with EOC's was discussed.

3. **Public service events** - what events could benefit from ARES communications support was discussed.

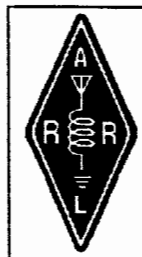
4. **RACES** - discussion centered on Incident Command Training.

5. **ARES Net** - it was resolved that an ARES net will be held on the local repeaters at 7:30 PM as follows:

1ST OF MONTH - 147.00

15TH OF MONTH - 145.49

(Next meeting - December 12)

1996 ARRL N.E. DIVISION ELECTIONS CONTESTED !

For the first time since 1984, the ARRL N.E. Division elections for Director and Vice Director are being contested:

Director:


William Burden, WB1BRE

Tom Frenaye, K1KI

Vice Director:

Don Haney, KA1T

Wallace (Hal) Offut, K8HVT



CLUB NOTES

"Thanks" to the cleanup crew that met at the club the day before the Fleamarket. **Bill, N1LTY**, finished cutting the grass that **Marty, KA1YFV**, began cutting the night before (until it was too dark to see). **Ed, WA1VXY**, pitched in by trimming the grass. The basic cleanup was handled by **Alan, WB1FQP**; **Andy, WA1FNM**; **Bill, K1IBR**; **Brad, N1VUF**; and **Rich, N1RFH**. A special "thanks" to **Alan, WB1FQP**, who hauled away a ton of trash and rusted iron. Most important of all, **Doc, W1ATI**, brought some donuts for the cleanup crew to enjoy following the work party.

Two members donated PA amplifiers to the club. **Al, N1ALN**, donated a unit complete with FM radio, while **Brad, N1VUF**, donated a regular PA. **Bill, K1IBR**, repaired both units and got them ready for the Fleamarket where they were used to announce the door prize winners. One amplifier is set up permanently in the cellarway for future fleamarket use.

Brad, N1VUF, donated several portable room dividers to the club. These came in handy during the fleamarket when they were used to cordon off the VE test area in the clubhouse. *Thanks Brad!*




Randy Faber, N3PGV, a former member of the club was in the area the week of the 15th. He visited a few members and ragchewed on the repeater a bit. He now lives in Glen Burnie, Maryland and was passing through the area on his way to and from a vacation on Cape Cod.

All ARRL members are reminded to renew their subscription to QST via the club. When you renew this way the club makes a little money - and every little bit helps!

Reminder - the club Christmas Party will be held at Thad's Steakhouse on December 19th. Seating is limited to the first 48 members and guests to sign up. Several have already reserved their seats. Avoid the last minute rush. Call Bill Miller at (508) 996-2969 and secure your seat at the SEMARA Christmas Party.

OCTOBER VE EXAMS



Some sessions require preregistration and do not allow walk-ins. Please check with the contact listed for each session to verify the exam date, time, and location.

2	Acton	Towne	508-263-8742
5	Boxboro	Dexter	508-774-1765
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8	Thomaston, CT	Steve	203-283-1044
9	Billerica	Bruce	508-851-2886
10	Providence, RI	Judy	401-231-9156
11	Ware	Tony	413-967-7426
12	Brewster	Henry	508-255-2818
12	Falmouth	Ron	508-540-0977
12	Malborough	Bill	617-891-9079
12	Sturbridge	Dennis	413-283-4269
13	Gloucester	Rick	508-283-2278
14	Boston	Bob	617-593-1955
17	Providence, RI	Judy	401-231-9156
19	Dennis	Henry	508-255-2818
19	Lynn	Herb	508-468-2780
19	Melrose	Scott	617-322-7654
23	Cambridge	Nick	617-253-3776
25	Holyoke	Ann	413-245-3228
26	Slatersville, RI	Bob	401-333-2129

FLEAMARKET CALENDAR

OCTOBER	
4,5	Hoss Traders, Rochester, NH
5,6	ARRL NE Cvn., Boxboro
13	NUTMEG Cvn., Durham, CT
20	MIT Flea, Cambridge
26	Hamfest, Plymouth

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145.150 -	WAIDGW	Fall River	441.400 +	WGIU	Assonet
145.490 -	KAIWBF	Fairhaven	442.200 +	NY1D	Fall River
146.700 -	WA1RBT	Cranston	442.350 +	NIQWW	New Bedford
146.655 -	WA1GPO	Falmouth	443.450 +	K1MYL	Westport
146.685 -	N1OEG	Plymouth	443.600 +	NS1N	Norwell
147.000 +	W1AEC	Dartmouth	443.800 +	N1RFH	New Bedford
147.045 +	WA1AIC	Yarmouth	444.250 +	WA1G	Falmouth
147.135 +	ND1N	Taunton	444.350 +	W1ACT	Fall River
147.180 +	N1FDX	Bridgewater	444.550 +	WA1ZUF	Bridgewater
147.315 +	N1BBT	Wareham	446.325 -	KAI1CLX	Plymouth
			446.625 -	NC1K	Plymouth
224.340 -	N1SGK	Dennis	447.075 -	N1DZD	Kingston

CLUB EVENT CALENDAR

All events held at 7:30 unless otherwise indicated

OCTOBER

- 3 Business Meeting
- 17 2 Meter mobile hunt @ 6:30 PM
- 19,20 Scout "On the Air" Jamboree
@ club all day/night (CANCELLED)

NOVEMBER

- 2 VE Session @ 10:30 AM
- 7 Business Meeting and nomination
of officers
- 21 Tech Talk on Power Supplies
@ 7 PM

DECEMBER

- 5 Business Meeting and election
of officers
- 12 ARES Meeting
- 19 Christmas Party @
Thad's Steakhouse @ 6 PM

JANUARY

- 2 Business Meeting
- 4 VE Session @ 10:30 AM
- 16 Tech-Talk (to be announced)

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