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NOTICE

SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD

A special election will be held at the February business meeting to elect a President and Vice-President of the association. The current Vice-President, **Marty Jordan, KA1YFV**, resigned to run for President and **Bill Miller, K1IBR**, is seeking the vacated Vice-President's slot.

Since Marty's resignation left the association without a President or Vice-President, a motion was made and passed appointing Marty acting President and Bill acting Vice-President until the special election is held. Anyone interested in running for either position should attend the February business meeting and declare his intention to seek the office.



ED ROVAS WINS RAFFLE!

Ed Rovas, **WA1VXY**, won the raffle held to help defray the costs associated with the Quonset hut renovations.

Ed trembled with joy as he tore the wrappings off the prize he won. A cigar box painted green was revealed. Ed slowly lifted the cover to reveal something nestled in a bed of styrofoam popcorn. Ed lifted the item out of the box and inquired, "What is it?" A moment of silence was followed by "Huh?", "I don't know", and "Beats the heck out of me."

Finally, **Bill, WA1FYF**, (who donated the item) announces that it is
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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



OOPS! The last sentence of the December business meeting report was cut short. Here is the complete last paragraph (with our apologies):

Following the meeting, an auction of old test equipment was held. Bob Metivier, N1XZZ, bought everything except the Tektronix scope which was picked up by Milt Francis, K1BOC.

The January business meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM. Following the salute to the flag and roll call, outgoing President Bill Miller handed the gavel over to incoming Vice-President Marty Jordan. The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

Committee reports followed: Technical - No report. Buildings and Grounds - work in Quonset hut proceeding (see report on the ongoing saga elsewhere in this issue). Scholarship Fund - assets are now over \$300, and another fund raiser is planned for February.

Three conditional members were ratified as full members: **Tony Duarte, N1XRS**; **Jay Lewis, N1VUE**, and **Brian Sladewski, N1XQL**.

Under old business, the club's be-reavement policy was clarified. **Bill, K1IBR**, reported that NYNEX is now actively considering our property for a cellular site.

Under new business, **Marty Jordan, KA1YFV**, resigned as Vice-President to run for president, and **Bill Miller, K1IBR**, announced he is seeking the vacant Vice-President's position.

After a raffle to benefit the Quonset hut restoration fund, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

DANISH AMATEUR VISITS CLUB

A surprise visitor appeared at the club on January 9, 1997, during the Board of Directors meeting. **Ejner Soerensen, OZ1AQW**, of Denmark paid the club a visit. Ejner hails from the town of Roskilde, located about 20 miles west of Kobenhavn (Copenhagen).

Ejner was in this country visiting his daughter who attends the University of Massachusetts at the Dartmouth campus.

Ejner was given the grand tour of the club facilities, including the radio room, 160 foot (49 meters) tower, and the repeaters on 147 MHz and 443.8 MHz.

Denmark is noted for it's World Famous Danish "hams" (both types!).



NOTICE

AT THE FEBRUARY BUSINESS MEETING, VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE NYNEX BELL ALANTIC CELLULAR TOWER PROPOSAL WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE MEMBERSHIP. A VOTE TO PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE TAKEN. PLEASE ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT MEETING.

THE CONTINUING QUONSET HUT SAGA

And the beat goes on... Over the Christmas and New Years holidays, the work crews completed the construction of the new wall and installed the heating duct and registers. Members helping out on this phase of the work included **Andy, WA1FNM; Ed, WA1VXY; Bill, K1IBR; Bill, WA1FYF, and Bill, N1LTY.**



In early January the painting began.

Andy, WA1FNM, Bill, WA1FYF, and Bill, K1IBR, were the primary painters.

The radio room was done by mid January. Along the way, **Ed, WA1VXY,** did some electrical work.

Speaking of electrical work, a big "Thank You" goes out to **Ed Baker, N1WYF,** who donated two new fluorescent light fixtures to the project. The donation is greatly appreciated.

After sealing several "gaps" in the roof, the crew began working on the rest of the Quonset hut. Repair and paint is the order of the day.



To date, \$298 has been spent buying material and supplies for the project. Total donations and raffle monies received is \$147. The balance remaining to be paid is \$151. **Bill, K1IBR,** is accepting donations to help defray the remaining cost.

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an antique nut cracker. Before you can blink an eye, Bill pulls a Brazil nut out of his pocket and puts it in the machine to demonstrate how it works. He moves the handle down to crack the nut and the nut shoots out like a bottle rocket! Retrieving the wayward nut, he tries again. And again. And again... Finally, after *eight* tries, the nut is cracked!



By now the members are cracking up themselves! The clubhouse is roaring with laughter! Yes, the nut cracking demonstration will be long remembered.

Last we saw of Ed, he was leaving the club with his nut cracker in hand and slowly shaking his head side to side! Congratulations Ed, and happy nut cracking!

CLARIFICATION OF BEREAVEMENT POLICY

The recent change in the association's bereavement policy was discussed at length during the January business meeting. For clarification, the policy is as follows: *Upon the death of a current member or one of his immediate family (parents, children, brothers and sisters), the club will send a sympathy card and a check for \$50.00 to the family. Upon the death of a former member a sympathy card will be sent.*

As a reminder, please mention to your family the importance of notifying the club of any serious illness or death within your family. As a general policy, the club sends get-well cards to hospitalized or bedridden members. Also, please mention to your family that your amateur radio call and affiliation with our club should be mentioned in your obituary.



FCC RADIATION LIMIT

Did you know that you must conduct routine RF radiation evaluations if your transmitter puts out more than 50 watts PEP? According to FCC Report and Order 93-82, amateurs that find their RF fields higher than legally permitted must take immediate action. Aside from ceasing to transmit, you could lower your power, relocate your antenna, transmit only when no persons are nearby, or take any similar actions to limit human exposure.

NOTICE

Don't miss out on next month's ZERO BEAT! Be sure to pay your dues to the club treasurer. The March issue will be mailed only to members in good standing (I.E. - dues paid to date).

CORRECTION

In last month's article on the World Wide Web, one of the web page addresses was incomplete. The incorrect address was the middle one at the bottom of page three. It should have read:

<http://members.aol.com/rjcabral/hamradio/swapnet.html>

Bridal and Baby Showers
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CLUB NOTES



This is it! February. The month you show your unremitting love for that special person in your life. This year Valentine's Day falls on Friday the 14th. (Talk about a close call!) Be sure to order the flowers early and avoid the last minute rush. It is quite interesting to note that Groundhog Day and Presidents Day are also celebrated this month. I think there is a connection between all three holidays, but it escapes me for the moment...

A tip of the hat to our VE's. This dedicated group within our membership administers no less than eight VE test sessions per year, all on a voluntary basis. They are one facet of what makes a good club. All too often such dedication goes unnoticed. *Thanks fellows,* for the great job your doing for the future of amateur radio.



Just a reminder. Every Sunday morning between 9 and 10 AM a pot of hot coffee is brewing at the clubhouse. Often there are donuts or pastry available too. Drop by and chew the rag with the fellows. There is nothing like an eyeball QSO to start the day right. Come to think of it, home-made goodies (cake, pie, tarts, turnovers, etc.) would beat an eyeball QSO any day. But it's only a pipe dream to think someone would bring such goodies come Sunday morning. Or is it?

Talk about service! When Bob Metivier's wife Susan appeared at the January VE session, she was greeted by NINE examiners. Seems the VE's were anticipating an onslaught of examinees, but all were no-shows except for Bob's wife. Well, it was her lucky day. She passed the exam and was subsequently issued the call letters N1YJO by the FCC. Congratulations, Susan, N1YJO.



ARRL video night was held at the clubhouse on January 16th. Prior to the start time, about 30 minutes of the ARRL video on antennas was reshowed by popular demand. Then, at 7:30 PM, two videos were shown, one on amateur television (ATV), and one on packet radio. Both videos were interesting and provided insights into fascinating areas of our hobby.

FLEAMARKET CALENDAR

1997

February 15 - Marlboro, MA
 April 6 - Framingham, MA
 April 20 - MIT - Cambridge, MA

SEMARA 1997 VE SESSIONS

All sessions held on Saturday at 10:30 AM except for Fleamarket Sunday, September 14, when the session begins at 10 AM.

March 1
 April 26
 May 3
 July 5
 September 14
 September 27
 November 1

NET DIRECTORY

Sunday	8am	28.375	General
Sunday	8am	7.237	UFO
Sunday	3pm	28.470	UFO
Sunday	7pm	147.000+	Swap Net
4th Sun	9pm	449.575	EM-ARRL
Thursday	7pm	14.264	UFO
Thursday	8pm	147.180+	Trivia
Saturday	8am	7.237	UFO
Saturday	7:30pm	3.978	UFO
Saturday	1800G	14.300	Coast Guard
M-F	8am	14.262	General
M-F	8pm	145.490-	Weather
Daily	7pm	146.550	General
Daily	6:45pm	147.315+	NTS/Trivia
Daily	8pm	145.230-	EM-NTS

1st & 15th of month - ARES NET - 7:30 pm
 147.000+ on the 1st, 145.490- on the 15th.

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147.170 -	WALDOV	Fall River	441.600 - (192.3)	WOLU	Ameset
147.480 -	KATWDF	Falsham	442.200 -	N1NBL	Fall River
146.780 -	K1CE	Crofton	442.350 - (141.3)	N1CQW	New Bedford
146.875 - (18.3)	WALPO	Falmouth	442.600 - (190.0)	K1LQJ	Tisbury
146.445 -	NEBDC	Plymouth	443.450 - (18.3)	K1MCT	Wareham
147.000 -	W1AEC	Dorchester	443.600 -	N1BEN	Wareham
147.045 -	W1AEC	Yarmouth	443.800 - (18.3)	N1BFB	Dorchester
147.135 - (18.3)	N1BEN	Taunton	443.870 - (121.3)	W1ARM	Chatham
147.180 - (18.3)	N1BDC	Dorchester	444.250 - (141.3)	WALPO	Falmouth
147.315 - (156.7)	N1BFB	Wareham	444.350 -	N1BDC	Dorchester
146.445 - (140.3)	K1B12W	Dorchester	447.075 -	N1MCD	Kingston
224.340 -	N1BDC	Dorchester			

CLUB EVENT CALENDAR

All events held at 7:30 PM unless otherwise indicated

FEBRUARY

- 6 Business Meeting
- 13 ARES Meeting
- 20 Tech - Talk
"Power Supplies" by K1IBR

MARCH

- 1 VE Session @ 10:30 AM
- 6 Business meeting
- 19 Tech-Talk (Wednesday)
"Op-Amps" by Ken Raposa

APRIL

- 3 Business meeting
- 17 To be announced
- 26 VE Session
- 28 DIRECTOR'S MEETING

MAY

- 1 Business meeting
- 3 VE Session
- 15 To be announced

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