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NYNEX TERMINATES NEGOTIATIONS

In a surprise move, on July 18th, Bell Atlantic NYNEX Mobile terminated negotiations over leasing a tower site on our property.

Two weeks prior the negotiating committee had worked out the final details of the lease with Tara Rand of NYNEX. We were told, however, that her boss found the terms of the lease unacceptable, and cancelled any further negotiations.

Several other lease prospects are now being contacted, and direction on how to proceed will be determined at the next business meeting.

Three basic options exist: 1) lease space to another cellular or PCS vendor, 2) lease space to a commercial tower leasing company, 3) Erect our own tower and lease space on it to others. Be sure to attend the next business meeting and help determine the best way to proceed.

FLEAMARKET UPDATE

Marty Jordan, KA1YFV, Chairman of the Fleamarket Committee, is soliciting donations of money to help purchase food and other items for the Fleamarket in September.

Anyone interested in helping can contact Marty at (508) 993-5765. The more donations we can get, the more profitable the event will be for the club. Please help support this club event.



MEETING HIGHLITES

The July business meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by President Marty Jordan. Twenty-four members and three guests were present. Following the salute to the flag and roll call, the Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

Committee reports followed: *Technical* - No Report. *Buildings and Grounds* - Seeking volunteers to cut the grass. *Scholarship* - No report. *Tower Committee* - See report on this page. *Fleamarket* - Fliers available in the literature rack.

Old business - A brief report on the Board of Director's recommendation to approve a club financial plan was given.

New business - The following three motions were made and passed:

1) The treasurer was authorized to borrow money from various club accounts and place in other club accounts if required.

2) The treasurer was authorized to accept member donations to specific club funds (see #3).

3) All club income, except donations, will be applied as follows: 50% general fund, 30% taxes, 10% savings, 9% building fund, 1% scholarship fund.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM, and a small auction was held.

ARES SUPPORTS "RELAY FOR LIFE"

The Southeastern Massachusetts Coastal Amateur Radio Emergency Service (SEMCARES) provided communications and traffic control support for the American Cancer Society "Relay For Life".

The event was held on the grounds of the Greater New Bedford Vocational Technical School from 6 PM Friday, June 27th, to 6 PM Saturday, June 28th. The Acushnet Emergency Management Association provided use of their communications van as a control center for the event.



Tony Duarte, N1XRS, was the liaison between ARES and the American Cancer Society. Co-chairs of the "Relay for Life" logistics division were Kevin Fretette and Brian Sladewski, N1XQL.

A special event station was set up in a tent under the direction of Larry Houbre, AA1FS. A trap dipole was erected for 80 and 40 meters, along with a tri-band vertical for 20, 15, and 10 meters. Two meters was covered with a base station antenna lashed to some tent poles. It served dual



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duty as a flag pole! Six operators staffed the station and contacts were made as far west as Colorado.

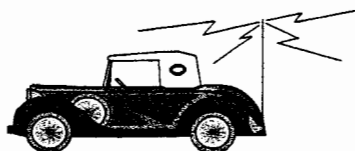
Amateurs helping to make the event the success it was included (by call letters alphabetically):

- AA1FS, Larry Houbre
- K1IBR, Bill Miller
- KD1CY, Rob Macedo
- N1OFD, Jerry Bergeron
- N1RFH, Rick Cabral
- N1VND, Ken Branco
- N1VUF, Brad Anselmo
- N1XQL, Brian Sladewski
- N1XRS, Tony Duarte
- N1XZJ, Bob Metivier
- N1YLQ, Mike Leger
- W1EV, Scott Szala

The "Relay for Life" began in 1985 when Dr. Gordon Klatt of Tacoma, Washington jogged 81 miles in 24 hours and raised \$27,000 through sponsored donations! From one man, the event has grown to thousands of runners. The "Relay for Life" is now a signature event of the American Cancer Society. This years event in New Bedford raised over \$220,000 for cancer research.

SANDWICH POLICE INVESTIGATE SUSPICIOUS PERSON IN CAR

According to an article in the "The Sandwich Broadside", at 7:54 a.m. on June 26th police were called to investigate a 'suspicious' car parked on Snake Pond Road with unknown activity being conducted.



Upon investigation by police, they discovered the culprit was an amateur radio operator! The 'Ham' stated to police that he was communicating with another 'Ham' in Connecticut, and where he was parked was the best site for radio reception in the area.

Although not revealed in the article, confidential sources have confirmed that the 'Ham' involved in the above incident was none other than **Joe Fortin, K4KTZ**, who is visiting in the area. Joe resides in Lake Worth, Florida and visits the Cape each summer.

On Thursday, July 10th, a gang of over 20 'Hams' joined Joe for a clamboil and rag-chewing session at Danny's Tavern in New Bedford. A great time was had by all.

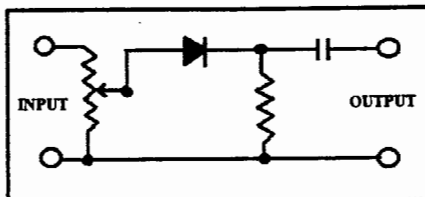
FLEAMARKET CALENDAR

- August 17 - MIT, Cambridge
- August 23 - MARC, Gardner
- August 24 - East Coast VHF-UHF Conference Flea, Enfield, CT

NET DIRECTORY

— Sunday —		
8am	28.375	General
9:30am	50.225	Yankee SSB
3pm	28.470	UFO
7pm	147.000+	Swap Net
— 4th Sunday —		
9pm	449.575	EM-ARRL
— Daily —		
5:30pm	3.915	EM/RI NTS ssb
7&10pm	3.658	EM/RI NTS cw
6:45pm	147.315+	NTS/Trivia
7pm	146.550	General
8pm	145.230-	EM-NTS
— Monday to Friday —		
8am	14.262	UFO
8pm	145.490-	Weather
— Saturday & Sunday —		
8am	7.237	UFO
— Thursday —		
7pm	14.264	UFO
8pm	147.180+	Trivia
— Saturday —		
7:30pm	3.978	UFO
1800G	14.300	Coast Guard
— ARES NET —		
1st & 15th of the month at 7:30 pm		
147.000+ on the 1st		
145.490- on the 15th		

NAME THAT CIRCUIT



1. Barkhausen Oscillator
 2. Microphone Preamp
 3. Low-Pass audio filter
 4. Noise Generator
- ANSWER - See Page 4

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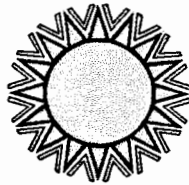
All sessions held on Saturday at 10:30 AM except for Fleamarket Sunday, September 14th, when the session begins at 10 AM.

- September 14
- September 27
- November 1



CLUB NOTES

August is here! Wow, where did spring go? This is the month of hot steamy weather and clambakes. August has no major holidays except for Tiddly Winks Day on the 22nd. OK, so I made it up...



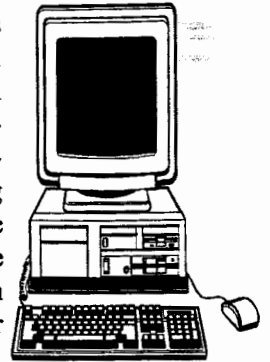
Art Marshall, W1FJI, former longtime member of SEMARA, was in the area the weekend of June 21st. He stated that we are fortunate to own our own clubhouse. Art lives in Tallahassee, Florida and works for General Dynamics. His E-Mail address is W1FJI@vistech.net and he has a homepage at www.vistech.net/users/w1fji/realpage.html



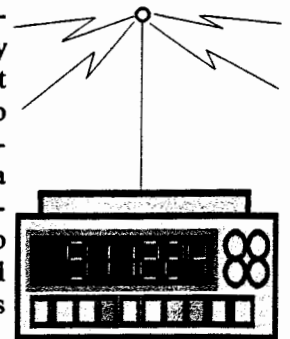
Points to ponder: Why do we drive on parkways and park on driveways? Why are items transported by car a shipment, and those by ship a cargo?



A basic tutorial on MS-DOS was presented during the June 19th Tech-Talk. The informative session was conducted by former IBM employee John Carreiro, WIZYV. Using MS-DOS was likened to "getting under the hood of a car". The basic commands available in MS-DOS were demonstrated by John. "Thanks" John for a job well done! John will cover advanced MS-DOS on August 21st.



Larry, AA1FS, presented a Tech-Talk on packet radio on July 17th. (He swapped the August date with John, WIZYV, who couldn't make the July DOS presentation as planned.) Following a video on packet radio, Larry answered questions on packet radio operations and described the local packet environment. The talk was very interesting and informative.



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SEMARA EVENT CALENDAR

AUGUST 1997

- 2,3 - ARRL National Convention, FL
- 7 - Business Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 14 - ARES Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 21 - Tech Talk - "Advanced MS-DOS"
by John, WIZYV
7:00 PM



SEPTEMBER 1997

- 4 - Business Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 14 - FLEAMARKET, 9AM to 1 PM
VE Session, 10:00 AM
- 18 - Tech-Talk, National Traffic System,
by Andy, WA1FNM 7:00 PM
- 20 - Amateur Radio Awareness Day
- 27 - VE Session, 10:30 AM
- 27,28 - Fall National Exam Day (Weekend)
- 29 - Board of Director's Meeting, 7:00 PM


LOCAL REPEATER DIRECTORY

Frequency	CTCSS	Call	Location	Frequency	CTCSS	Call	Location
144				440			
145.150 -		WA1DGW	Fall River	441.400 +	192.8	WG1U	Assonet
145.490 -		KA1WBF	Fairhaven	442.200 +		N1NRL	Fall River
146.445 +1Mhz	91.5	KB1BWN	Dartmouth	442.350 +	141.3	N1QWW	New Bedford
146.655 -	88.5	WA1GPO	Falmouth	442.600 +	100.0	K1LIQ	Tiverton, RI
146.685 -		N1OEG	Plymouth	443.450 +	88.5	K1MYL	Westport
146.700 -		K1CR	Cranston, RI	443.600 +		NS1N	Norwell
147.000 +		W1AEC	Dartmouth	443.800 +	88.5	N1RFH	Dartmouth
147.045 +		WA1AIC	Yarmouth	443.850 +	131.8	W1ARM	Chatham
147.135 +	67.0	ND1N	Taunton	444.250 +	141.3	WA1GPO	Falmouth
147.180 +	77.0	N1FDX	Bridgewater	444.550 +		N1FDX	Bridgewater
147.315 +	156.7	N1BBT	Wareham	447.075 -		N1DZD	Kingston
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