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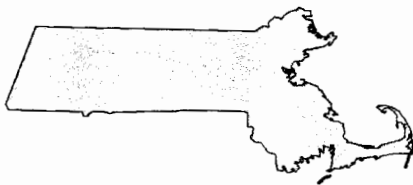
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## ARES IS ALIVE AND WELL IN SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS

**S**EMCARES is an active ARES organization in Southeastern Massachusetts. Many members of SEMARA are also members of SEMCARES.



SEMCARES is the South-Eastern Massachusetts Coastal Amateur Radio Emergency Service, which serves the greater New Bedford and Southeastern Massachusetts area.

The SEMCARES Emergency Coordinator is **Robert Macedo, KD1CY**. Rob is also the ARES SKYWARN Coordinator. Rob keeps SEMCARES hopping with frequent newsletters sent by E-Mail, and bi-monthly meetings held at the SEMARA clubhouse.

SEMCARES conducts a 2 meter ARES net on the 1st (147.00+) and 15th (145.49-) of each month at 7:30 PM. This is a formal net with proper net control procedures adhered to.



SEMCARES is extremely active in the public service area, providing communications support and traffic control to local charitable and non-profit events.



## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**T**he August business meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by President Marty Jordan. Twenty members and one guest 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* - Fund raiser planned for this fall. *Tower Committee* - NYNEX will be contacted and given our best offer for a lease. *Fleamarket* - Fliers available in the literature rack.

*Old business* - South side of club to be painted August 9th. Radio Shack on Kings Highway donated several ARRL books to the fleamarket sale. Ed Harrington donated several AMSAT booklets to the club.

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

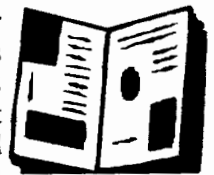
- 1) A final offer to be made to NYNEX for a tower lease.
- 2) Fleamarket food prices to remain the same as last year.
- 3) The club's financial plan to be effective when a tower lease is signed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM, and a small auction was held.

## CLUB FLEAMARKET SEPTEMBER 14TH

**S**upplies for the Fleamarket are spilling up in the clubhouse as September 14th nears. The only items remaining to be picked up are the perishable foodstuffs. Don't you just love it when a plan comes together?

All the major ham magazines were sent notices of our fleamarket last spring. In mid August flyers were sent to all radio clubs within 50 miles of our club. A very special "tip of the hat" to **Marty, KA1YFV**, for handing out flyers at every fleamarket he's attended.



As usual, the club will have a table where donated items will be sold to benefit the association. This is a good opportunity to clean out your garage and cellar and help the club at the same time! Although amateur radio goodies are preferred, most anything will be accepted. Heck, we'll even take the kitchen sink if you donate it!

Final plans will be discussed at the September 4th business meeting. I can taste the linguica already!

## FLEAMARKET

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1997

9 AM TO 1 PM

SEMARA CLUBHOUSE

54 DONALD STREET

SOUTH DARTMOUTH, MA

TALK-IN: 147.00/60

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## ADVERTISING

Commercial ads the size of a business card will be accepted. Rates are \$5.00 for one insertion, \$20.00 for six insertions, and \$35.00 for twelve insertions.

Non-commercial ads up to forty words in length will be accepted. Rate is \$3.00 for one or \$12.00 for six insertions. Club members have one free non-commercial ad per month.

## REMINISCING

### PORTABLE OPERATION IN THE 1950'S

Back in the 1950's, small handheld walkie talkies were unheard of. The nearest thing to it was the Gonset Communicator, often referred to as the "Gooney Box". It was a ten inch square box with a handle on top, and it weighed a ton. It was the "cat's meow" on two meters back then.

The Gooney box operated on 115 VAC or 6 volts DC. For portable operation you needed a car battery since the set was an all tube design that drew amperes of current, even on receive.

One day two former club members, Art Marshall, W1FJI, and Johnny MaGuire, W1CDO, decided to have some fun with Henry Blanchette, W1GYL. Henry was the only one with a car at the time, and he often picked up Art and Johnny after work to chum around.



Art and Johnny wired a car battery to a Gooney Box and set off

on foot. Art carried the battery and Johnny carried the Gooney Box.

When Henry gives them a call after work, Art and Johnny tell Henry it's fox hunt time and to come and find them. What Art and Johnny don't tell Henry is that they are on the move! Of course moving around on foot requires a bit of coordination since Art was tied to Johnny with the power cable from the battery to the Gooney box.

All this is taking place around Rural Cemetery in New Bedford. Soon Art and Johnny are besides themselves with glee as Henry seeks in vain to find them. By keeping on the move, Art and Johnny foil any attempt by Henry to get a "fix" on them.

At this point the weather and a bit of luck conspire to spoil Art and Johnny's fun. First, it is very cold that day. Second, Henry accidentally spots Art and Johnny sneaking up onto a porch to hide.

Henry seizes opportunity and transmits, "I give up. I'm going home!" Art and Johnny, who are chilled to the bone, shoot off the porch yelling for Henry to stop and pick them up.

Henry gets the last laugh as Art gets into the car and removes his gloves with his teeth. Battery acid is all over the gloves. Art claimed he could still taste it the next day! To top it off, later that evening they stop at a diner, and Art finds several acid holes in his new jacket!

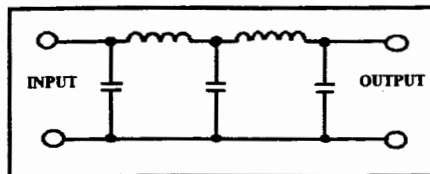
## FLEAMARKET CALENDAR

- September 14 - SEMARA!
- September 20 - Forestdale, RI
- September 21 - MIT, Cambridge
- September 28 - Framingham
- October 3,4 - Rochester, NH

## 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. Low-Pass Filter
2. Hi-Pass Filter
3. Band-Pass Filter
4. Band-Stop Filter

ANSWER - See Page 4

## SEMARA VE SESSIONS

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

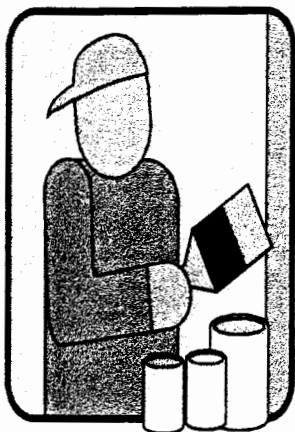


# CLUB NOTES

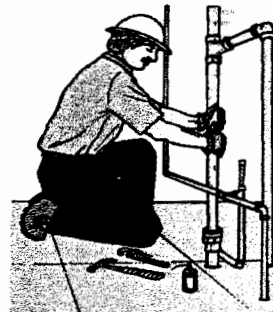
September has arrived! It was a long, hot, muggy summer and it's a joy to look forward to the cool, crisp air of fall. The major holiday this month is Labor Day on the 1st. The only other holiday this month is Grandparents Day on the 7th. The fall equinox occurs on the 22nd.



On August 11th the south side of the clubhouse was painted. Even though the south side was painted last year, it still took one and a half gallons of stain. Talk about dry! It was like painting a sponge! The painters were **Andy, WA1FNM; Bill, K1IBR; and Ed, WA1VXY. Bill, N1LTY, and George, N1MWB,** helped clean up later in the morning.



A new oil tank was installed outside the boiler room on August 20th. The old tank was leaking along the bottom and had to be replaced. **Andy, WA1FNM,** picked up the new tank with his truck, and **Ed, WA1VXY, and Bill, K1IBR,** helped install it. Also pitching in with help were **Bill, N1LTY, and Bill, WA1FYF.**



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## SEMARA EVENT CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER 1997

- 1 - ARES, Acushnet Labor Day Race
- 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
- 21 - ARES, Dartmouth Road Race
- 27 - VE Session, 10:30 AM
- 27,28 - Fall National Exam Day (Weekend)

### OCTOBER 1997

- 2 - Business Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 4,5 - Simulated Emergency Test
- 16 - Tech-Talk, Opto Electronics,  
by Bill, K1IBR 7:00 PM
- 18,19 - Jamboree on the Air (JOTA)



## LOCAL REPEATER DIRECTORY

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<b>144</b>				<b>440</b>			
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145.490 -		KAIWBF	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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