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## ANNUAL FLEAMARKET HELD SEPTEMBER 8TH

The weather was outstanding on the day of the Fleamarket. That in turn brought in a large crowd of hams. Fortunately, our membership had donated "tons" of quality radio equipment for the annual Fleamarket. Everything just gelled together and the Fleamarket posted sales a bit higher than last year!

Some of the donated "gems" sold were two SSB transceivers (Kenwood 599 twins with matching speaker & a Yaesu FT901DM), a completely restored Hallicrafters S-40 receiver, and several D-104 mikes. The "Bag-O-Parts" table did a brisk business as well as the "Name Your Own Price" table where receipts were double last years sales. Even gate receipts were twice normal, but that might be attributed to individuals buying several tickets to increase their shot at the main door prize - an MFJ-259B antenna analyzer. (Bill Vincent, WIPOW, won the main door prize. He bought only one ticket.)

The food-tent crew had to send out for more food to meet the demands of the hungry crowd. Hamburgers were the big mover this year. In fact, the grill ran all day!

The laugh of the day occurred when a buyer asked if the Collins R390 receiver he was thinking of buying worked. He was told it was used just a few weeks ago. When he removed the bottom cover to make sure the unit was original and not modified, he found a mouse nest with mice!

A BIG "Thank You" goes out to all the members who either donated equipment or worked hard to make the Fleamarket the great success it was. *You're the greatest!*

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 OF THE PRECEDING MONTH.

# WAYNE GREEN'S TALK THOUGHT-PROVOKING

On September 19th, **Wayne Green, W2NSD**, talked with members via a telephone conferencing system setup at the clubhouse. A crusty 80 year old curmudgeon, Wayne, publisher of *73 Magazine*, covered several interesting topics with conviction and authority.

Among the topics Wayne covered were seizing opportunity whenever possible, incentive licensing and its effect on the growth of amateur radio, an inside look at ITU conferences, planet "X" and its possible catastrophic effects on earth in May 2003, the relationship of what you eat and your health, the need to abolish the ineffective public school system, and why he supports a "no code" license for amateur radio operators.

Wayne backed up his positions on the various topics with reasoned logic and plain old common sense. (Or should we say uncommon sense!) It was a pleasure to hear Wayne not only talk about problems facing us, but also *offer solutions* to the problems.

Following Wayne's presentation, members spent an hour rag-chewing over the topics Wayne discussed. Of particular interest was the planet "X" near earth passage in May 2003.

A big "Thank You" goes out to **Carl Bredberg, K1KID**, who made the arrangements for Wayne's talk.

## RECENT CD RECORDINGS AVAILABLE TO HANDICAPPED SEMARA MEMBERS

RECORDED BY BOB ZEIDA - N1BLF

Following is a list of recordings done in the recent past for amateur radio operators who are visually or otherwise disabled and cannot read printed material for themselves. Each recording is complete and unabridged and enhanced by the reader where necessary for clarity of description to identify location of most features and their function. Also listed are three ARRL publications and their Question & Answer sections recorded and described in detail where helpful.

You will note that several of the rigs described are two or three years old. If it is time for you to "upgrade" your rigs or station, you might want to consider offering these particular radios for sale to a visual/physically impaired individual in our club area or donating same to someone who cannot afford a rig but wants to be a radio operator on the amateur frequencies.

### ARRL PUBLICATIONS:

General Class License Manual 4th Edition good until 2003, recorded April 2001, Text-12 CD, Q&A only 3 CD  
 Extra Class License Manual 8<sup>th</sup> Edition -just released, recorded June 2002, Text 21 CD, Q&A only 11 CD  
 Volunteer Examiner (VE) Manual -latest release, recorded May 2002, 7 CD

### INSTRUCTION MANUALS:

ICOM IC-718, 144 HF all band transceiver, July 2001, 4 CD  
 ICOM IC-T2H, 144 FM transceiver, August 2001, 3 CD  
 KENWOOD TM-V7A, 144/440 MHz dual-bander, October 2001, 5 CD  
 KENWOOD TS-570S/D, All mode multi-band HF transceiver, September 2002  
 (a work in progress) available OCT 02, approx. 4 CD when complete.



All of these recordings were done for the Courage Handi-ham System, Golden Valley, MN and are credited to them for use by handicapped individuals. If any SEMARA club member has need for any of these recordings or has a specific request for me to consider reading any print copy that is important to you, individually, then please contact me and we can talk about it anytime. There would be no charge.

Bob Zeida - N1BLF 37 Juliette Street, North Dartmouth, MA 02747  
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# MEETING MINUTES

The September business meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President **Ray Arruda, KB1EVX**. Thirty-three members were present. The Secretary's report was read and accepted. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Buildings and Grounds** - Chairman **Andy Reuter, WA1FNM**, reported the window on the north side of the club was removed and boarded up. The four front windows will have new glass and seals installed.

**Technical** - Chairman **Bill Miller, K1IBR**, deferred comments to **Carl Bredberg, K1KID**, who stated the PSK-31 rig is acting up and will be fixed ASAP.

**Activities** - No report. (Chairman absent.)

**Scholarship** - Application forms available on website.

**Internet** - Site automatically updated each day.

**Fleamarket** - Chairman **Andy Reuter, WA1FNM**, reported we are ready to hold it and will need help from the members to make it successful.

**Communications** - None.

**Ratifications** - Six new/reinstated members were voted into club. See "CLUB NOTES" for the list of new members voted into the association. (Page 4)

**President's Comments** - President **Ray Arruda, KB1EVX**, reported that member **Philip Choate, N1GLC**, is recovering from surgery. He then thanked the members that donated equipment for the upcoming Fleamarket. Finally, he asked all members to PLEASE leave the club clean (nothing on the tables) when departing the clubhouse.

**Old Business** - **Doc Riley, W1ATI**, reported that some people were upset at last years Fleamarket because they observed people leaving with equipment before the 9 am sales start time. This issue will be addressed at the next Board of Directors meeting.

**New Business** - The following motions passed:

- 1) A motion to dispose of all QSTs up to the year 2000, excepting those years in binders.
- 2) A motion to pay for the dual propane burner bought at the Ames closing sale.

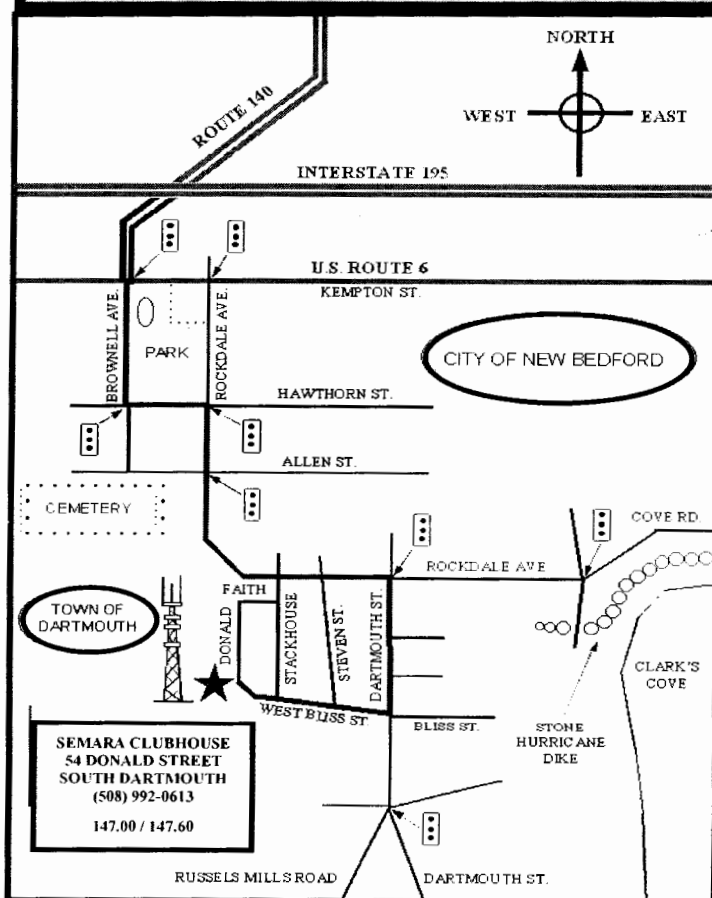
- 3) A motion to pay for the 4 X 6 whiteboard purchased from Office Max when on sale.
- 4) Money allotted to buy a toolbox and tools for the club.
- 5) Money allotted to complete shingling of clubhouse.
- 6) Money allotted to purchase Fleamarket supplies.
- 7) Money allotted to buy a 4 foot ladder for clubhouse.
- 8) Money allotted to repair four front windows of clubhouse.
- 9) A motion to dispose of all old wooden chairs as outlined by President Arruda.

**For the good of the club** - Nominating Committee to be appointed at next meeting to propose a slate of officers for the year 2003.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.



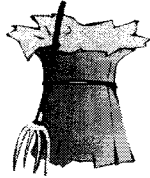
## DIRECTIONS TO CLUB





# CLUB NOTES

October brings the first really cool nights that portend the arrival of fall. Columbus Day is October 14th, and daylight savings time ends on Sunday, October 27th.



Four applicants were voted life members of the club during the September 5th business meeting:

- Gabriel Da Silva, KB1DLR
- Gary Meyn, K1YAN
- Bradford Paiva, KB1IQR
- John Rumbut, KB1HRU

*Welcome to the club!*

(Editor's note - 6 new members were actually voted into membership, but two were inadvertently listed in the September issue of ZERO BEAT as having been made members at the August business meeting. Your editor was asleep at the switch again...)

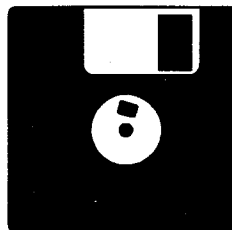


Speaking of "Asleep at the Switch," your editor reversed the dates of the Foxhunt and Tech-Talk in last month's issue. This one even got by the eagle-eyed proof reader! Ah, it's human to err...

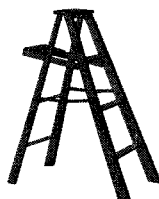


Have you ever felt the frustration of finding a computer program or application that was just a little too big to put on a floppy disk? Well, your days of frustration are over! Here is a web site that only has applications that will fit on a single floppy disk:

[www.tinyapps.org](http://www.tinyapps.org)



The club now has a four foot step ladder stored in the meeting room closet. This is handy for replacing fluorescent light bulbs mounted on the ceiling and similar work about the club. No more unsafe standing on a chair!



## ROLAND HYHAM, N6DEO, SK

It is with very deep sadness we report the passing of the club's first Secretary (1932) - Roland Hyham, N6DEO. Roland was in his 85th year when he passed away on August 18, 2002. He died at his home in Hemet, California, of a sudden heart attack. Roland was an Honorary member of the club and very proud of his association with SEMARA. *Rest in Peace, Roland.*

## SEMARA TURKEY DINNER

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## THANK YOU

A big "THANK YOU" goes out to all the members that generously donated equipment for the club's annual Fleamarket. The quality and quantity of equipment donated was outstanding. A special THANKS is due Ed Blouin, KA1AW, who donated a truckload of equipment including two SSB transceivers. It is the generosity of such members that makes the Fleamarket the success it is.



# ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBEQUE HELD AUGUST 31ST

Saturday, August 31st, saw sixty members and guests sit down for our annual chicken barbeque at the clubhouse. Kicking off the affair at 12 noon was a home-made minestrone soup. Then each attendee chowed down to the main meal of charcoal-pit barbequed chicken with potato salad and delicious locally grown sweet corn.

As usual, the barbeque was a hit with all! The slow cooked chicken drenched in a "secret" sauce gets rave reviews every time the event is held.

This year a large tent was erected over the barbeque pit to keep the rain showers at bay! In fact, the pit was kept dry with a large tarp for the three days preceding the barbeque.

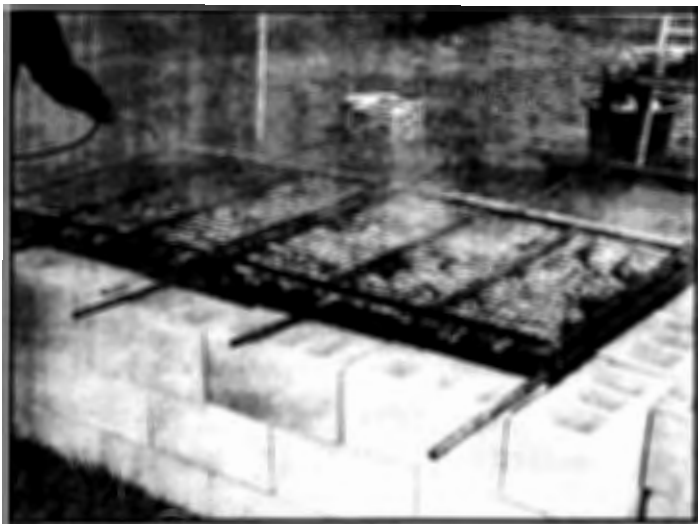
Henry Blanchett's wife Joan wore a CHICKEN outfit and monitored the barbecue action at the pit. One member thought he saw a tear or two in the CHICKEN's eye... Thanks Joan!

This event was the first to use the new folding chairs the club recently purchased. Gone are the old wooden three-in-a-row auditorium style chairs that usually ended up seating two as no one wanted to sit in the middle seat and be hopelessly boxed in.

A big "THANK YOU" goes out to all the members that helped make this event a great success, especially the members wives and girlfriends that made desserts for the affair.



**"CHICKEN" CHECKING THE PIT**



**CHICKEN SLOW COOKING IN PIT**



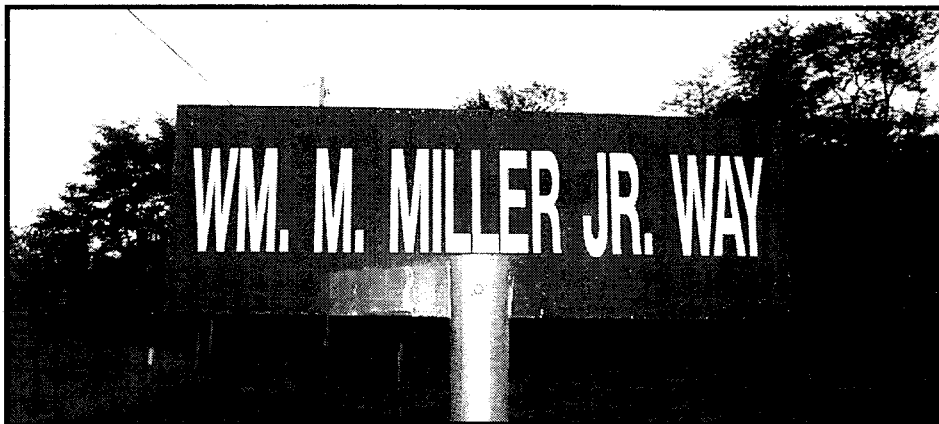
**PREPARING THE CRANBERRY SAUCE**

## CLUB DRIVEWAY NAMED FOR K1IBR

Working by stealth, several club members made and installed a street sign naming the club's driveway in honor of Bill Miller, K1IBR. The members undertook this project to give permanent recognition to Bill's 44 years of dedication and service to the club.

The day after the sign was erected, Bill joined several other members at the club for a morning work party. Bill didn't notice the sign, so the members said nothing as they wanted Bill to be surprised when he saw the sign. At noontime, Dick Simpkin, WA1CRA, arrived at the club and assuming Bill knew about the sign asked, "Well, how do you like the sign?" Bill replied, "What sign?" At this point Dick realized he had let the cat out of the bag!

Bill thanked the members for honoring him with the sign said he was shocked as he never suspected that such a project was underway! *Thanks Fellows!*



## NEXT SEMARA VE SESSION

October 5, 2002

10:30 am

SEMARA Clubhouse

## OCTOBER VE SESSIONS

- 10 Providence, RI  
Judy Nelson  
401-231-9156
- 12 Falmouth, MA  
Ben Fleck  
508-540-2583
- 14 Brookline, MA  
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Schedule: Fri. 7-9pm, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-2pm.

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\*can be purchased through us, ARRL, or Radio Store

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#### NOTE:

No prior experience required - no age limits - all are welcome.

Class size limited so register early to assure placement. Bring text to class.


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*Henrik Ibsen (1877)*

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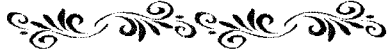


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**SEMARA EVENT CALENDAR**

<p><b>OCTOBER 2002</b></p> <p>3 - Business Meeting, 7:00 pm.</p> <p>5 - VE Session, 10:30 am.</p> <p>10 - FOXHUNT, 7 pm.</p> <p>17 - DELUXE TURKEY DINNER, 6 PM Century House, South Main Street, Acushnet</p>	<p><b>NOVEMBER 2002</b></p> <p>2 - VE Session, 10:30 am.</p> <p>7 - Business Meeting, 7:00 pm.</p> <p>14 - Card Game, 6:30 pm., Eat Out 8:00 pm.</p> <p>21 - Tech-Talk, 7 pm, "Resources for Blind and Handicapped Hams" by Bob Zeida, N1BLF</p>
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Coffee Hour at the clubhouse every Sunday at 7 - 11 am. Drop by and ragchew!

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# 2002 FLEAMARKETS

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Oct 12 - Nashua, NH

Oct 13 - Wallingford, CT

Oct 20 - MIT

Oct 27 - VHF/UHF Enfield, CT

Nov 1 - Feeding Hills, MA

Nov 16 - Newtonville, MA

Nov 30 - Windsor, CT

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