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Special Event Station W1P



K1WCC, K2LP, KB1GSO and the *KM1CC Marconi Cape Cod Radio Club* will operate special event station **W1P** on **November 28, 2008** commemorating the sinking of the *Steamship Portland*.

November 27, 1898 was New England's "Night to Remember", the day on which almost 200 souls lost their lives aboard the steamship Portland when she foundered off Cape Cod during the great gale which bears her name. She has often been called "New England's Titanic" for the magnitude her loss had on local communities, especially her namesake city.

According to **Henry Brown, K1WCC**, "Since 2005, hams from the *Marconi Cape Cod Radio Club* have commemorated the day with a special event station set up overlooking Cape Cod Bay.

This year, the commemoration of the *110th anniversary* of the tragedy is on **Friday, November 28, Highland Light in Truro**. Two HF stations (CW and SSB) will be in operation from 9 AM local time to about 4 PM at the lighthouse. Tours will be conducted of the museum and lighthouse. QSL to K1WCC. For those who collect lighthouse numbers *Highland Light, USA-110*, will also be activated.

These frequencies are planned to be used:

CW: 7.030, 14.030 and 18.070

SSB 7.260, 14.260, 18.160

Combine a lighthouse tour with some guest operating. Bring your portable HF rig and work us from the parking lot or beach.

~Henry, K1WCC

TRANSMITTER SITE TOUR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

Once again, **Dave Goldstein, W1DJG** will be conducting a transmitter site tour at the **WBZ Hull transmitter site**. This is coordinated with the NSARA (North Shore Amateur Radio Association). **Meet in Hull at 0900**. Bring your cameras and an audio recorder so you can record the coils singing.

The address is: **45 Newport Road, Hull, MA**.

Map: <http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=Hull&state=MA&address=45+Newport+Rd>

Please email Dave at w1djg@pcswithease.com so he can get an idea of how many will be coming.

Afterwards, join all of us at the *Red Parrot* for dinner. Bring cash.

~Dave, W1DJG

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It seems to me ...

de Bob - K1KVV <editor@semara.org>

SEMARA has a great opportunity to do great things this coming year. First of all, there are the elections. Three out of four officers are running for re-election! It is reassuring that there is a nominee for the office of Secretary and a small competition for the three Directors seats. And a newer member is running for a five year term as Trustee. Just an example of the interest of the newer members in getting involved.

Perhaps you have noticed that this issue is being published in the middle of the month. Actually, a mid-month publication date permits more timely reporting of the results of the previous business meeting. My excuse is my hard drive froze-up. I expect to be able to recover most of the files—after lots of work. So this issue is prepared from scratch; hence the deviation from the previous format. I was planning on changing the format with the January issue anyhow. So this is just a test. Note that there are no minutes for the October business meeting in this issue. Minutes for both October and November are planned to be published in the December issue.

Also, did you notice that we didn't pull off our traditional Tailgate Flea market this year? Perhaps next year. And, we haven't heard about any Christmas Party for this year. What's going on? It seems the officers are just too busy to do all these things. So we will hope for a last minute miracle or have to accept that there is none at all.

Fortunately, where it really matters, we have some very dedicated people holding things together. The shingling of the Little Peoples College side of the clubhouse has been completed. The BBQ pit has been relocated. The garden in front of the clubhouse has been tidied up. And, we are finally on our way to re-grade and fill the mess left over from the oil spill remediation work—if the powers that be permit us.

Next year comes the finishing touches, like painting the trim, putting in a handicap ramp and entrance landing and door and bathroom etc. One thing leads to another! I am sure other things will pop up. But I am also sure that we can deal with them when the time comes.

Live one day at a time and enjoy every minute—be in the present!

POINT TO PONDER

“What's worth succeeding in is worth failing in.”

~Robert Frost

HAMMIN' AROUND

Question* G2C11 What information should be given to a station answering a distress transmission?

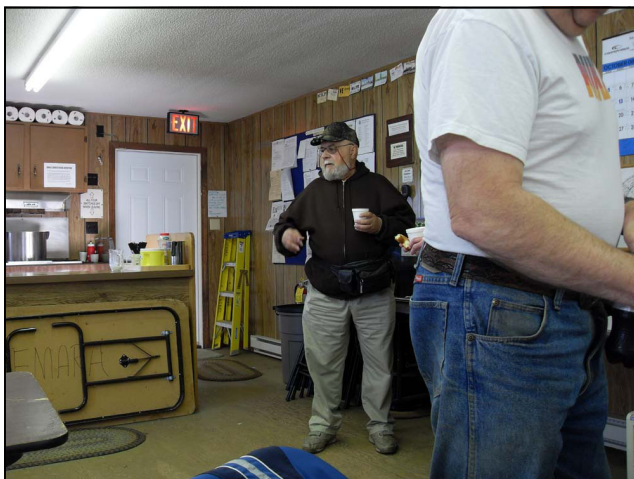
- The ITU region and grid square locator of the emergency
- The location and nature of the emergency
- The time that the emergency occurred and the local weather
- The name of the local emergency coordinator

* 2007 Element 3 General Class Question Pool (good thru 2011-06-30) Answer on page 6

SEMARA News

SUNDAY RAGCHEW

Here are some photos that I took. ~John, WIZYV



WHERE ARE THE DONUTS?



FREE GOODIES



WHO ARE WE VOTING FOR?

IN MOTION

Here are two motions that passed unanimously at the November 6 Business Meeting. I thought you might appreciate a 'heads up' if you weren't there.

Motion 1.

Authorizes up to \$3,000 for the re-grading and fill of the grounds before the earth freezes.

Motion 2.

Collect around \$3,000 from the membership through an every member assessment of \$10.

Assessment details

- The assessment will be collected during the first quarter of 2009, beginning with the January business meeting and ending with the April business meeting.
- Members will be notified via email using the SEMARA announcement email list. Members without an active email account will be notified via first-class US mail at their FCC address.
- Members who cannot be reached or have not paid the assessment will be in arrears after the April 2009 business meeting.
- The Vice-President will serve as the collector for the assessment. Cash will be accepted only at the business meetings.

~Editor

W1EAV LINK

Location: Marion, MA

Frequency: 147.540 MHz (simplex),

Tone: PL 67.0 Hz

Internet connection

IRLP: 4568

EchoLink: 45688

(W1EAV-L)

This link is *connected full time* to the *New England Gateway*

(www.new-eng.com) 9123

Any questions?

Contact Chris, W1EAV, w1eav@comcast.net



~Chris, W1EAV

Club Notes

SEMARA SILENT KEYS

PAUL J. LARIVIERE WA1CQM, SK

On October 21, 2008 at the age of 74, Paul died at St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford. He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline, three sons and a daughter, six grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Paul joined SEMARA in 1977, and was present for the groundbreaking for our current clubhouse.



Our sympathy to his family for their loss.

EDMUND A. HARRINGTON, JR. W1VF, SK

On October 13, 2008 at the age of 64, Ed died unexpectedly at his home in New Bedford. He is survived by his former wife, Patricia, two daughters, a brother and sister and many nieces and nephews. Ed joined SEMARA in 1996, and was a regular check-in of the weekly 6-m and 10-m nets.



Our sympathy to his family for their loss.

LOUIS S. WHITLOW, JR. WA1GDE, SK

On November 3, 2008 at the age of 83, He died at St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen; his son, Robert, and wife, Joanne; and grandson, Matthew, and wife, Megan; and three great-grandchildren. He first joined SEMARA in 1977.



Our sympathy to his family for their loss.

NEW MEMBER

One application for life membership was received and approved at the November 6, 2008 business meeting:

Ronald M. Ellis, Jr. - NIGFS.

Welcome to the club, Ron

GET OUT THE VOTE!

Be sure to encourage everyone to come out to vote at the December 4, 2008 Business Meeting. Nominations are open until the time of the election, at the end of the meeting. **You can make it if you try.**

As of November 6, 2008

NOMINATIONS

President: Louis D. Mester, **W1CH**

Vice-President: Robert B. Kelley, **K1KVV**
David J. Goldstein, **W1DJG**

Secretary: Marcel L. Dumont, **W1MLD**

Treasurer: Michael J. McDonald, **KB1NB**

Director (1 year term): [elect three]

David G. Dean, **K1JGV**

Herbert Eddleston, **K1USW**

David J. Goldstein, **W1DJG**

Richard J. Halliwell, **K1AHA**

Joseph E. Krisnowsky, Jr., **N1IXC**

Trustee (5 year term):

Matthew A. Paine, **KB1OSV**

MAYBE?

“We know exactly where one cow with Mad-Cow disease is located among the millions and millions of cows in North America but we haven't got a clue as to where thousands of terrorists are located.

Maybe we should put the Department of Agriculture in charge of defence.”

Taken from the *November 2008* issue of
Groundwave,
Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

VE SESSIONS

Walk-ins permitted unless otherwise noted.

<http://www.arrrl.org/arrlvec/examsearch.phtml>

SEMARA – 10:30AM **Dec 6th**
Larry Houbre-AA1FS
LRHguy@earthlink.net
508-991-6055

Fall River, MA – 7:00PM **Nov 17th**
Skip Denault-KB1CNB
skip@NewTestamentSchool.org
774-644-3469

Falmouth, MA – 9:00AM **Nov 13th**
Ben Fleck-W2LYE
BenFleck@cape.com
508-540-2583

Providence, RI – 7:00PM **Nov 13th**
Lou Mester-W1CH
W1CH@cox.net
401-263-6045

OCT. SEMARA VE SESSION

Joseph M. Swain, Jr, KB1MCF

.successfully passed the GENERAL Class exam.

Welcome to the HF bands!

NOV. FLEAS & FESTS

<http://www.arrrl.org/hamfests.html>

8 **FARAFEST** **Bourne, MA**
Falmouth ARA Ralph 508-548-0422

SOME NOV. CONTESTS

<http://www.arrrl.org/contests/>

ARRL November Sweepstakes--Phone, from 15 Nov 2100Z to 17 Nov 0300Z. See www.ylrl.org/ylcontests.html

RSGB 1.8 MHz Contest--CW, from 15 Nov 2100Z to 16 Nov 0100Z. See www.vhfcc.org

PSK63 QSO Party--Digital, from 16 Nov 0000Z to 16 Nov 2400Z. See www.eu.srars.org

LZ DX Contest--Phone, CW, from 22 Nov 1200Z to 23 Nov 1200Z. See www.qsl.net/lz1fw/contest/

LOCAL NET ACTIVITY

Everyone is welcome to check in!

147.000+ (PL 67.0 Hz) (FM) — **Roundtable “Camel” Net** is held *every evening* at 7 p.m. on the SEMARA Repeater, **W1AEC**.

50.200 MHz (USB) — Net is held *Wednesdays* at 8:30 p.m. **Bob, N1HCW** (Acushnet) is net control.

28.490 MHz (USB) — Net is held *Tuesdays* at 8:30 p.m. **Bob, N1HCW** (Acushnet) is net control.

3862 kHz (LSB) — **SEMARA Morning Net** is held *weekdays* from 7:30-8 a.m. ET

Here's a challenging Sudoku puzzle to attack while waiting for the net to start. **Solution is on page 6.**

		9		5				
2		4		7			1	
							9	6
			7	5	1			
		5						2
8	3		4					
						8	6	7
	1				8	3		
	4					9		

From the ARRL Contest Update

November 12, 2008

Something you need to know:

73 + 88 = FB

in *hexadecimal*.

Thanks, **Ian, N8IK**

CLUB DETAILS

GPS Coordinates:

Lat. N 41° 36.795' Long. W 070° 56.550'

Maidenhead Grid Coordinates: **FN41mo**

For FISTS Sprints: **FISTS #10555**

LOCAL REPEATER DIRECTORY

See <http://www.semara.org/repeaters.htm>

Frequency CTCSS	Call	Location
144		
145.110 - 67.0	KB1BWN	New Bedford
145.130 - 151.4	WF1A	W Greenwich, RI
145.150 - 123.0	WA1DGW	Fall River
145.450 - 100.0	W1SYE	Portsmouth, RI
145.490 - 67.01	W1SMA	Fairhaven
146.655 - 88.5	WA1GPO	Falmouth
146.685 - 82.5	N1ZIZ	Plymouth
146.700 -	K1CR	Cranston, RI
146.730 - 67.0	W1SGL	Sandwich
146.760 -	W1HQV	Scituate, RI
146.805 - 67.0	NN1D	Fall River
146.835 - 192.8	WA1QCA	Johnston, RI
146.880 - 100.0	WC1R	Newport, RI
146.940 - 67.0†	K1KYI	Cumberland, RI
146.955 - 88.5	K1PBO	Dennis
147.000+ SEMARA 67.0*	W1AEC	Dartmouth
147.045+ 141.3	W1HDN	W Warwick, RI
147.120+ 173.8	K1WEW	Portsmouth, RI
147.135+ 67.0	KA1GG	Taunton
147.165+ 67.0	WA1HAH	Exeter, RI
147.180+ 67.0	W1MV	Bridgewater
147.195+ 127.3	K1SMH	Attleboro
147.315+ 67.0	WG1U	Plymouth
147.330+ 131.82	W1AQ	E Prov., RI
147.345+ 88.5	KB1QL	W Tisbury
147.375+ 110.9	N1YHS	Falmouth

* IRLP-4347 & EchoLink-44347 † PL now required

† IRLP-4617 & EchoLink-4611; 2173.8 required to use IRLP-4907

Frequency CTCSS	Call	Location
222		
223.760 -	K1KYI	Scituate, RI
223.780 - 88.5	N1PYN	Brockton
223.820 - 67.0	N1JBC	Newport, RI
223.900 -	KA1ABI	Coventry, RI
223.920 -	KA1LMX	Warwick, RI
223.960 - 127.3	KA1RCI	Johnston, RI
223.980 -	W1OP	Johnston, RI
224.040 - 67.0	KA1RCI	Lincoln, RI
224.060 - 103.5	N1ZZN	Norwell
224.200 - 100.0	KA1MYV	Lincoln, RI
224.320 - 118.8	W1ZSA	Walpole
224.400 - 103.5	N1KUG	Quincy
224.560 - 100.0	KA1NXS	Exeter, RI
224.620 - 88.5	N1TVZ	Attleboro
224.660 -	W1KG	Medway
224.760 -	KA1SOO	W Warwick, RI
224.920 - 67.0	N1JBC	N Prov., RI
224.960 - 88.5	W1VET	Warwick, RI

440 (within 25 miles of SEMARA)

441.400+ 192.8	WG1U	Assonet
441.750+ 192.8	W1AQ	E Prov., RI
442.550+ 67.0	WG1U	Assonet
443.150+ 94.8	K1CW	Bristol, RI
444.350+ 88.5	W1ACT	Fall River
446.375 - 67.0	KA1RCI	Little Compton, RI
447.225 - 88.5	WP4US	Taunton
447.525 - 88.5	WA1TAQ	Portsmouth, RI
448.325 - 186.2	KC2GDF	Newport, RI
449.525 -	NN1D	Fall River

ALL-OF-THE-TIME ACITIVITIES

BUSINESS MEETING:

7 PM FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

SUNDAY RAGCHEW AT THE CLUBHOUSE:

7-11 AM SUN

MOST-OF-THE-TIME ACITIVITIES

*EARLY BIRD BREAKFAST: 6 AM TU & TH

West End Grill

1000 Rockdale Avenue, New Bedford

*CLUB COFFEE MEET: 1 PM WEEKDAYS

Boston Coffee & Bagel

122 Allen Street (corner of Dartmouth Street)
New Bedford

LUNCHEON: 11:30 AM FRIDAYS

Meet at the clubhouse at 11:15 AM

Each week we decide which local restaurant is to have the honor of our presence.

* Call first on repeater to see who's coming

ANSWER: HAMMIN' AROUND

What information should be given to a station answering a distress transmission?

B. The location and nature of the emergency.

ANSWER: SUDOKU

6	7	9	1	3	5	2	8	4
2	8	4	6	7	9	5	1	3
3	5	1	8	4	2	7	9	6
4	9	2	7	5	1	6	3	8
1	6	5	9	8	3	4	7	2
8	3	7	4	2	6	1	5	9
9	2	3	5	1	4	8	6	7
7	1	6	2	9	8	3	4	5
5	4	8	3	6	7	9	2	1