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Meetings: second Monday of the Month (September to June) at 7:30 P.M, at the South Congregational Church, 60 Prospect Street, Peabody, MA (talk-in 145.470/R)
Weekly club NET: Sundays at 20:30 (8:30 P.M.) on the 145.470MHz PL of 136.5 Danvers Repeater

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NOVEMBER MEETING... SILENT AUCTION

The November meeting to be held on Monday, November 13th will be the Annual Silent Auction.

The rules are:

1 – Auction Items:

- Bring all those flea market purchases to unload at our annual auction. This Auction is intended to get people to bring their Ham related items that they don't want any more and would like to try and sell them to others who may want them.
- Items with No Bids - There is a \$.50 charge for items with no bid with maximum charge of \$5.00 per person.
- The owner has the right to refuse the highest bid and pay NSRA \$1.00.

2 - Sellers:

- Each item must have a bidding sheet, which includes Seller call or name and a description of item. To set a minimum bid, place a bid of the minimum amount in your call/name.

3 - Items with Bids:

- The seller understands that N.S.R.A charges \$1.00 or 10% (which ever is highest) of the selling price.

4 - Bidders:

- All items have a minimum bid of \$2.00
- The NSRA is not responsible for anything of any items in the auction.

DECEMBER MEETING...

The Annual Christmas/Holiday party is tentatively planned for Monday December 11th, more information will be available at the meeting on November 12th or on the Sunday night net. Stay tuned for more information....

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ARES/SKYWARN UPDATE...

The weather may have been relatively quiet over the past couple of months, but the North Shore ARES team leadership is still hard at work. Here is just a small representative sampling of what we have been up to:

- We have started a monthly discussion group using the North Shore ARES Yahoo group. During the month of September our discussion was about the use of backup net control stations, while the October discussion was about the use of "This Is" while checking in to a net.
- Final statistics were compiled regarding the May Floods of 2006. Across the region, 104 total amateurs participated providing at least 321 reports of flooding and rainfall measurements in Massachusetts alone. A total of 46 amateurs participated on the North Shore SKYWARN net, providing almost 60% of the 140 Local Storm Report entries. In total, Amateur Radio was responsible for almost 98% of reporting into NWS Taunton during the May Floods, based on the Local Storm Report.
- Special thanks to all for their assistance during the long and tiresome 2006 severe weather season. This includes the floods, May 21st Severe weather outbreak, and July 11th funnel cloud (which set off a Tornado Warning for Essex County, thanks to amateur radio spotters) and multiple microbursts in Marblehead. Pictures and articles from several of these events are still available online at www.nsradio.org, just by clicking on the SKYWARN Information link
- We have named two assistant AEC's to help us administer the ARES team. Gordon Gravelese, KX1KTY, has been named the Operations AEC, and will participate as a key team leader during our activations. Matt Dempsey, KB1MRH, has been named the Administrative AEC, working with us on the behind-the-scenes details. Special thanks to all and please give them the same support you have given us.
- The Annual Simulated Emergency Test, or SET, will be taking place on Saturday, November 4, from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P. M.. The scenario and other finer details of this drill have yet to be announced, but we look forward to having everyone participate in this exercise. The drill will take place on the 145.470 Danvers repeater and as always we will be looking for volunteers to assist with certain facets of the drill, such as liaison work, that will be announced once we get underway. For more information, please contact Jim or Eric at the email address listed below.

If you would like to get involved with ARES and SKYWARN in the area, please contact Jim – KB1KQW, North Shore ARES Emergency Coordinator, and Eric – KA1NCF, North Shore District Emergency Coordinator. We can be reached via our joint email address ares@nsradio.org. Thanks to all for helping make our team a huge success!

NSRA EVENT COMMUNICATION TEE SHIRTS



Thank you to all who purchased a t-shirt. As of 10/9/06 we have raised \$140 for the repeater move fund. However, the work isn't over yet! I still have about a dozen shirts left, (sizes Large, XXL, and XXXL - no XL's). The price has been reduced to \$10, and, if you would like to purchase more than one shirt, I can make the offer even better! Those 2X's and 3X's would fit wonderfully over a winter jacket, or foul weather gear! Please don't hesitate to send me an email if you're interested. Remember, all

proceeds will be donated back to the NSRA. Thank you again

~Gordon

Kx1kty

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WELCOME A NEW ARRIVAL...

At 10:01 P.M. on October 17th Eric & Beth Horwitz welcomed to their family their healthy baby daughter, Abigail Sarah Horwitz. Who was born at 5 pounds 6 ounces and 17 1/3 inches long. Baby photos can be seen on their website www.ericandbeth.org. Congratulations from everyone at the NSRA to the new parents!

OUT AND ABOUT WITH AL...

Boxboro is on my mind as I write this... It is now a week since it began, a lot of work and planning went into the weekend. The NSRA sure had a nice turnout...for a time on Saturday it seemed I ran into a member, everywhere, I went. My small part was to be with parking. I had great help from cadets of the CAP (Civil Air Patrol) they were a big help both days.....Mid Saturday, I took the opportunity to attend a couple of discussions, and will share with you a few impressions.

Whether it is the Hosstraders in New Hampshire in the Spring or at Boxboro you can always count on Tim Smith WA1HLR to liven things up...Tim is "Mr. AM" on or about 3.888 mhz and can often here him on the air, Tim has a lot to say both technical and operations. His talk was strong in this mode and full of technical talk and with Tim he makes many helpful points...

Towards the end of his talk/discussion, Tim noted it was time for the entertainment committee to arrive; and shortly at the microphone, as (Tim likes to call a microphone) a bright rendition of his "ham hit" "I am just a peep squeak station, and I can't even blow a fuse." It was a fun ending to his presentation.

The QRP forum was well done and had several speakers. N1BQ showed pictures of various stations operating at various locations. One enterprising ham operator in San Francisco likes to put her QRP rig in a backpack with whip antenna pointing out and a short wire for the counterpoise. When she gets half way out she wraps the counterpoise wire around the railing and gets on HF QRP mobile from the Golden Gate bridge with the bridge itself as half of her antenna!

Another interesting location was shown to be mountain lodge when other campers were resting, a QRP ham was enjoying operating his HF rig with the antennae clipped to the wooden railing.

Those who attended one or both of the ARRL forums, I think, found them as I did, to be both well presented and interesting, as all major topics affecting ham radio today were discussed.

I enjoyed attending the banquet with my XYL, I thought the band and dinner were very good and ARRL President, Joel Harrison gave a interesting talk.

When the head table asked for the youngest ham under 20 to please stand up and help by drawing a raffle ticket, only one was in attendance...I felt one thing would have been good to see, a larger number of younger hobbyist for ham radio. There just never seems to be very many young hams. at these events.

till next time,

73's to all as another great NSRA year gets going again.

Al Prudhomme, Jr. W1DUW

PUBLIC SERVICE CALENDAR...

Public Service events for the 2006 year are winding down, our final event will be on Sunday, November 26th for the Annual Santa Clause Parade in Gloucester, MA. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Eric at KA1NCF@nsradio.org



AMATEUR RADIO EXAMS...

The Exams are being held on the fourth Saturday of each month at the Danvers Central Fire Station on High Street. E-mail W1LN or W1ZT at nsradio dot org for information

Upcoming NSRA Exam Dates:

October 28, 2006

November 26, 2006

ON LINE DISASTER EDUCATION, PREPAREDNESS, PLANNING AND MITIGATION LIBRARY...

If you are looking for some information on preparing for a disaster an informative web site to check out is <http://www.tallytown.com/redcross/educate.html>

The site is based from Tallytown, Florida but has several categories of disaster preparedness in their library. Info topics range from cold, health, hazardous materials, terrorism, earthquakes, thunderstorms that are applicable everywhere. There are about 13 pages of different topics that can be downloaded

NSRA REPEATERS...

- All the following repeaters have the club call sign of NS1RA
- 145.470- Danvers (PL of 136.5), full functions including phone patch.
- 146.880- Salem, (PL of 118.8)
- 223.880- Danvers (PL 136.5)
- 442.800+ Danvers (PL of 136.5), full functions including phone patch
- 53.850- Danvers (PL 71.9)

All CTCSS tones on repeaters have the option to be turn off if needed. Dial "11" to turn off so that a non PL user can use the repeater, Please remember to turn PL back on with the code of "10"

Digipeaters

- 144.390 in Danvers, APRS Digipeater under the Call of NS1RA-1
- 144.390 in Beverly, APRS IP-Gate, Callsign of NS1RA-2

Go to to the APRS page for more information on this mode.

Repeater Status -- As of 10/1/06

53.850 (-)	PL 71.9	Danvers	OPERATIONAL
145.470 (-)	PL 136.5	Danvers	OPERATIONAL
146.880 (-)	PL 118.8	Salem	OPERATIONAL
223.880 (-)	PL 136.5	Danvers	OPERATIONAL
442.800 (+)	PL 136.5	Danvers	OPERATIONAL -- NO FUNCTIONS
144.390		Danvers APRS	OPERATIONAL
144.390		Beverly I-Gate	DOWN UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

*** IMPORTANT NOTICE: The 145.470 and 442.800 Danvers repeaters have been moved to the temporary trailer until the new site is ready. Please direct any questions to tech at nsradio dot org. Thanks! ***

FROM THE EDITORS...

If you like what you see and would like to submit an informational article, cartoon, or other information, the next deadline for the newsletter will be January 1st. Please send your information to KB1LPW and LB1LYJ at newsletter@nsradio.org

