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Meetings: second Monday of the Month (September to June: 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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APRIL MEETING...

The April Meeting of the NSRA will take place on Monday, 10th, our speaker for the evening will be Eric Falkof, K1NUN. Eric is a Past President of the Boston Amateur Radio Club and a long time amateur radio operator.

REPEATER MOVE FUND...

NSRA is faced with a Repeater Tower Change at the 145.470 Danvers repeater that will require that we raise some money. Due to changes at it's present location (water tower at the old Danvers State) We have started a Repeater Move Fund!! We are in the process fund raising to buy a New antenna's and Hard Line and Hard line connectors. If you are able to contribute, please send your donation to the club PO Box or bring your donations to the next meeting.

Thank you
The Technical Committee

IN MEMORY of FLORENCE CARTY...

Florence L. (Darisse) Carty, 72, of Salem, wife of Joseph Carty, died Monday afternoon, March 20, 2006, in the Radius Health Care Center in Danvers. A lifelong resident of the city of Salem, Florence was a communicant of the former St. Joseph's Church in Salem. A loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, she enjoyed art and crafts, as well as cooking for her family. Florence was also an amateur radio operator and a member of the NSRA for many years.

Our condolences go out to her family.

FIELD TRIP...

A Field Trip has been planned for Saturday, May 13th at 3:30 P.M. to go back for a tour of WBZ TV. This was a very successfully trip last year. More information will be on the Sunday night Net and at the April meeting.

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ARES/SKYWARN UPDATE...

After a slightly active February, the weather the past couple of weeks has been relatively calm, a stark comparison to the last winter season. This is a perfect time to consider your plans for the next weather event. Take a moment to review your go-kit supplies and make sure you are ready should an activation be needed. Remember when bad weather strikes, the 47 Danvers repeater will almost always be staffed with a SKYWARN Net Control station. If you are not able to reach us over the radio, please utilize the e-mail address skywarn@nsradio.org. We love to see your pictures as well of damage and other weather of significance. Please send me your photos through the email address pics@nsradio.org. Remember that your pictures help assist the forecasters with verification during a severe weather event, and I send some of them to WBZ-TV 4 Boston and use them in seasonal review videos. All pictures submitted become the property of the SKYWARN program once submitted, so please try to send digital or spare copies. Feel free to tune into a few other area repeaters, including 145.230 Boston, 146.640 Waltham, and 146.895 Westford which are all other ARES/SKYWARN Frequencies. Finally, on the ARES front, we have several ideas in the works over the coming months as we continuously work towards rebuilding the program in our area. A North Shore ARES yahoo group page will be released sometime in April as a place for all our ARES members to gather and share ideas and to stay informed. Have any questions about the ARES or SKYWARN programs on the North Shore? Feel free to contact me by email at kb1kqw@nsradio.org. Thanks again, and watch for the Statewide Hurricane Exercise coming again in early June!

Jim Palmer – KB1KQW

North Shore Assistant SKYWARN Coordinator

North Shore ARES Emergency Coordinator

FIELD DAY, JUNE 23rd to 25th...

One of the events the North Shore Radio Association does every year is the ARRL Field Day at Endicott Park in Danvers, MA. We plan to start setting the park up on Friday, June 23th between 2 - 6 P.M. and then again on Saturday morning, June 24th around 9 A.M., getting on the air by 2 P.M. and operating for the full 24 hrs. of the contest.

If anyone is interested in running a station, loaning us equipment, or if you have any question's. Please email the Field Day chairperson at [fdchair at nsradio dot org](mailto:fdchair@nsradio.org) We have plenty of space for more stations within the contest rules.

Tent Camp sites are available for all. Since radio operators are always in demand, we welcome all amateurs (not just members) to join us for this event.

Field Day is more than just a contest, its a great outing as well, with camping, and cookouts **we are charging a nominal \$5.00 fee for Saturdays Dinner** to offset the rising cost of Fieldday.

Please **RSVP** if planning to come so we can plan on the number of mouths to feed. Yes, food supplied! That is Lunch for the setup crews, Dinner, Breakfast for the operators, and what's left over for Sunday's lunch.

The Danvers Repeater on 145.470 MHz. - minus offset - PL 136.5 is for talk-ins and a on site Simplex frequency of 147.420 MHz are monitored during the weekend.

Check the web site for photos from last year.

Field Day Committee



PUBLIC SERVICE CALENDAR...

The nice weather is here and we will soon start our Public Service events for the year. Upcoming events include:

Sunday - April 30th - YMCA, Ring Around The Neck, Marblehead, MA

Sunday - May 7th - 7th Walk for Hunger in Boston

Sunday - June 11th - ADA, Tour D'Cure Bike ride

Saturday & Sunday - June 24-25th - Field Day, Endicott Park, Danvers

Monday, July 3rd - Horribles 4th of July Parade, Gloucester, MA

Tuesday, July 4th - Manchester-By-The-Sea July 4th Parade

Saturday - July 22nd - Blackburn Challenge

Sunday - July 23rd - Reid's Ride, Bike ride from Lynn, MA to Gloucester, MA for a Cancer Charity check the website for more information.

If you are interested in helping out at any of these events, contact:

Eric at KA1NCF @nsradio.org

OUT AND ABOUT WITH AL...

I was glad to hear we would start a newsletter again after a few years of silence. We sure appreciate the help to get the "news out"

- A newsletter compliments our great Sunday Nite Net because not only do we hear what is coming up but now we have a written document.

- A newsletter is a combining item that document and shares with all members and interested others about our club and shares NSRA news and aids volunteer efforts. We can share by print our Public service so ably done and a big help to communities in our area, I know Eric KA1NCF helps make each one a success along with Jim and others, now we can share the many thank you's they get.

- Our field day effort is so much fun and a real class operation, the newsletter will help us even more to document, our efforts and spell out the help needed, to one and all via the Newsletter delivered by e-mail and if needed by the mail (what's that!!!!)

- The work done by Sky-Warn, VE exams, Emergency training and exercises will all be enhanced with our new Newsletter...Well I think you get the picture, It will be one more way the NSRA will benefit the club for all the right reasons...and if we do a little bragging on how good we are and the fun we are having,,,then heck that's just fine.

How about the hard working tech committee.!!

- If it is tuning a cavity resonator for 440 or 145,Megs or peaking the 47 machine to keep it in top condition the tech committee is front and center Lou Harris and Mark C. along with Herb and Eric are doing the volunteer work needed. One more example of the superb help the NSRA gets.

- I know so many others want to help and we will all have the chance especially in finance support as Lou H. outlined in the upcoming changes, and new antennae for the 47 site.

- His report and how he has "talked" with contractor, cell phone company etc, was a complete presentation, I know we will all appreciate the tech committee efforts and give them good support...

Till next time,

Best 73's to everyone

Commentary by Past President Al PrudHomme,Jr. W1DUW



AMATEUR RADIO EXAMS...

A reminder, 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.

ISLANDS IN THE AIR...

If you missed the February meeting on "Islands In The Air" by Gary - K2AJY's, at the February meeting, or would like to see the information again, you can download the PowerPoint presentation on NSRA web site.

FROM THE EDITORS...

We would like to make this newsletter a quarterly publication we would like your input, articles, cartoons, info to share with the membership.

The next newsletter will be a summer issue, with a deadline of June 1st. Please send your information to: LB1LYJ and KB1LPW at newsletter at nsradio.org.

thanks Kathy & Rick Savage

