

# ARRL EMA Section Manager Field Update

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# Topics

- Introduction & Background
- N1ILZ Agenda for 2023 (and 2024)
- Volunteers on the Air (VOTA)
- ARRL Club Commission Program
- Ask Me About ...
- N1ILZ Contact Info



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## Background

- First licensed 1976 as (Novice) WB0UGM in High School
- Earned BS in EECS at MIT
- Currently hold Amateur Extra class ticket

## More Background

- Most of adult life in Greater Boston area
- 3-year work assignment in (W.) Germany; 7-year stint in Stockton, CA
- Now retired and living on Cape Cod with wife Vicki and two dogs, Lloyd and Annie

## N1ILZ's Interests

- **Everything** in Ham Radio!
- NCS for several NTS and other nets
- Very active in NTS including NCS for local, sectional and regional nets. Net Manager for MARIDN.

## N1ILZ's Interests, Part 2

- Casually chasing DX (phone, CW, digital)
- Casual contesting (phone, CW, digital)
- Digital modes (NBEMS, Winlink, DMR, AREDN Mesh Networks, ...)
- Public service & community events, ARES

## Local Clubs

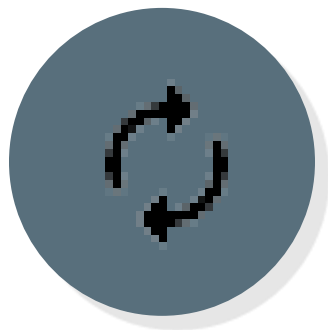
- VP of Barnstable Amateur Radio Club
- Member of PART of Westford
- Visiting clubs around the section

# N1ILZ Agenda for 2023



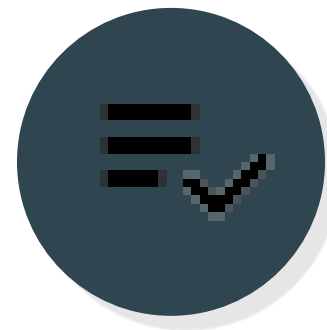
## No Org or Staff Changes

Tom, K1TW left the section in outstanding condition.  
All EMA Section staff have agreed to continue in the current roles.



## Learn the Section

Regularly attend Club Meetings across the Section  
Provide regular ARRL updates.  
Answer questions; solve problems.



## Personal Focus

NTS (1.0) nets  
NTS 2.0  
Other nets  
Learn, learn, learn!

# Volunteers on the Air (VOTA)

- Year-Long Operating Event to Celebrate ARRL's Volunteers
  - Started Jan 1, 2023; Ends Dec 31, 2023
- Similar to 2014 ARRL Centennial Celebration and 2018 Int'l Grid Chase; driven wholly by QSOs uploaded to LoTW
- How to earn points:
  - Contact ARRL Volunteers (Officers, Division and Section Staff, and Members)
  - Contact W1AW/# Stations in All 50 States
- Details at <https://www.arrl.org/volunteers-on-the-air>
- EMA Section-Wide Individual and Club Awards!

# ARRL Club Commission Program

- Your Club earns commission when members **join** or **renew** their ARRL membership
  - NEW – Club earns \$15; RENEWAL – Club earns \$5; NO LIMIT
- ARRL Member Completes a [Membership Application for Affiliated Clubs](#), including full payment **directly to ARRL** (check, credit card, cash)
- Club (Treasurer?) Collects Applications, Submits to ARRL with a Completed [Club Commission Reconciliation Form](#)
- ARRL Processes Applications; Club Receives Funds (usually 2-3 weeks)
- Full details at <https://www.arrl.org/affiliated-club-benefits>

## Ask Me About ...

- ARRL New England Division RFI Hunting Teams ...
- Potential "Gotcha" with <callsign>@arrl.net email reflector ...
- Helping make EMA Section better ...
- Anything else!

# N1ILZ Contact Information

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**E-Mail**

[n1ilz@arrl.org](mailto:n1ilz@arrl.org)

Usually most reliable.

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**NTS**

Address a Radiogram to  
N1ILZ

EASTHAM MA 02642

Phone & email optional - I pick  
up NTS traffic daily

02

**Phone/Text**

508-246-4982

Send a text or leave a voicemail; I  
will respond as soon as I can.

04

**USMail**

75 Northwest St.

Eastham MA 02642

Useful for sending packages