

SIGNAL

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de N1NC

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This Month's Meeting

October's meeting is our annual W1-Bureau QSL Sort. It's always the liveliest of meetings. We've invited several area clubs. Bring your friends. Plus, there's pizza and soda afterward (to keep you awake for the rest of the night).

NVARC is the "go-to" organization for sorting. We typically handle well over 15,000 cards—many times that of other sorters. This is our "thank-you" back to the hobby.

The President's Corner

Our meeting program is set into next near but we don't want to let time slip by and lose that comfortable edge. If you hear of a topic or speaker that seems of interest, let us know.

December is Homebrew Night. We depend on our members to bring their creations to make it an interesting evening. You have an entire month to prepare so let's have a good show.

Likewise, January is Members Short Subjects. If you have a short ten-minute-or-so presentation you would like to present let us know so we can plan the agenda and give everyone the time they need. If you need something for your presentation, like preparing slides, props, computer/projector, or anything else we can help with let us know. This meeting is as good as we all make it.

Noticing all the Boy Scout and Girl Scout recruiting signs around the area it reminds me that we are still missing opportunities to reach out to the community in general and to youth in particular. If anyone has a contact in either organization I would like to know so we can explore possible opportunities. JOTA will have happened the weekend before this newsletter goes out but these things take time so it is not too early to start working towards the next one.

In another area, NVARC has been a leader in trying new things and community outreach—like the QSL Sort, Thinking Day on the Air, Tech Night, the ARRL Girl Scout Interest Patch, and providing communications for the Groton Police at the annual road race. Over the years I have seen other clubs copying what we have done, which is flattering. But in trying to think of new activities for our club I have come to appreciate how easy it is for others to follow, but how difficult it is for us to lead. The club depends on all its members to help think of new areas and interests to explore which might develop into worthwhile club activities and programs. It is an ongoing task to keep the club interesting and relevant. Your support is appreciated.

73, Stan KD1LE

Last Month's Meeting

Tom Walsh K1TW, the ARRL Eastern Massachusetts Section Manager, spoke last month, providing us news about current League and FCC happenings.



K1NKR photo

Tom was joined by Bo Budinger WA1QYM, the section's Affiliated Club Coordinator, who spoke on "Growing an Active Club." Bo specifically identified us as one of Eastern Massachusetts' "healthy clubs."



K1NKR photo

News and Happenings

Field Day

I may have missed it, but it seems to me that the FD organizer, Jim Wilber, was the one person left out in this [last month's] expression of gratitude. In my opinion, he deserves recognition for bringing it all together, for staying on top of things, and for many hours of dedicated work. This recognition could come from me or from any other member... I'm sure many of us feel, Jim deserves our public thanks for a job well done.

*Thanks for your consideration and 73,
Bill AB1XB*

Larry Swezey, W1ESR

We're still following Larry's illness situation. He's back home now, and under con-

tinuous care. Do well, Larry! Our thoughts are with you and your family.

Editor's Note

This edition of the *Signal* ran barely four pages. In June, I wrote that I intend to be an editor, not the author of filler material. It was painful this month, but I forced myself to follow my own advice—mostly.

With your participation, this *Signal* could have run nine pages. Suggestions: News, Public Service, On the Air, The Technical Corner, Hints and Kinks, (more) Strays, and discussions drawn from the question pool for your license.

73, Skip K1NKR

Strays

So What's the IOTA Designation for This?

The largest island in a lake on an island in a lake on an island is a nameless 1.6-hectare (4-acre) island at [69°47'35"N 108°14'28"W, 69.793°N 108.241°W](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake_island), 121 kilometres (75 mi) inland from the south coast of [Victoria Island](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake_island), Canada. (For more information, see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake_island).



Two antennas met on a roof. They fell in love and got married.

The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.

Treasurer's Report

Income for September was \$90 from membership fees (including a multi-year renewal) and \$2 from ARRL membership renewals. Expenses were \$24 for QSL Bureau and \$174 for the final Field Day reimbursement, leaving a net expense of \$69 for the month.

Current balances:

General fund \$2,816.47

Community fund \$4,886.41

As of 6 October we have 40 members [*That's down. Ed*] who are current with their dues and 18 renewals outstanding [*That's up! Ed*]. Thank you to those of you who hand in your dues before Ralph comes to you. Please check your renewal status on the roster circulated at the monthly meeting or ask Ralph.

If you are joining ARRL or renewing your membership please consider letting Ralph send in the paperwork for you. The Club will buy the stamp and will get a commission from ARRL. ARRL membership checks should be made payable to NVARC. Ralph deducts the Club commission before forwarding your paperwork to Newington. As an Special Service Club, the ARRL expects a majority of Club members to also be ARRL members.

de Ralph KD1SM

Board Meeting Notes

Board meeting 10/6/2016

Attending: Stan KD1LE, Jim AB1WQ, Rod WA1TAC, John KK1X, Ed N1YFK. Observing: Skip K1NKR.

- Last month's last question was "Where are we getting our new members?" At the September meeting, ASCM Bo Budinger suggested: social media: that is where the kids are. If we want kids, go where they are.

- KK1X suggested another request to Kayla to be our webmistress for Facebook.

- Who is our PIO? - Nobody is currently active in that role.

- Received five Arduino kits – KK1X will get receipts to Ralph

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- Money approved for pizza and soda up to \$100 for the card sort.

- November meeting subject is railroad communications by Mac KC1E.

- Skip suggested Kayla as a candidate to update website. Stan will approach her on the subject and see whether the discussion migrates to Facebook as well.

Respectfully submitted,
de John KK1X

Club Services

Well, This Here Newsletter

The *Signal* has been published continuously since July 1992. It's probably our longest-standing institution (other than meetings) and provides a technical forum, monthly news, and a historical repository documenting club activities.

Meeting Coffee Bar

As always, many thanks to Ed N1YFK for running the coffee "bar" at the meetings. Don't forget to leave a donation if you partake.

Calendar

Upcoming Events

October

14-15 NEAR-Fest, Deerfield NH (*You missed it!*)

16 Flea at MIT

22-23 Nashua ARC General class

November

5 Falmouth ARA Hamfest

December

2-4 Nashua ARC Extra class

Upcoming Operating Activities

October

17-21 School Club Roundup

22-23 EME 50 to 1296 MHz

November

5-7 Sweepstakes – CW

19-20 EME 50 to 1296 MHz

19-21 Sweepstakes – Phone

December

2-4 160 Meter

10-11 10 Meter

18 Rookie Roundup – CW

Are you a “contest nut?” See <http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar> (Contest Corral) for month-by-month listings of both ARRL and non-ARRL contests.

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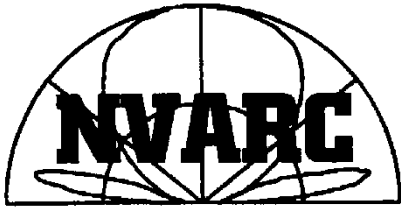
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Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Pepperell Community Center.

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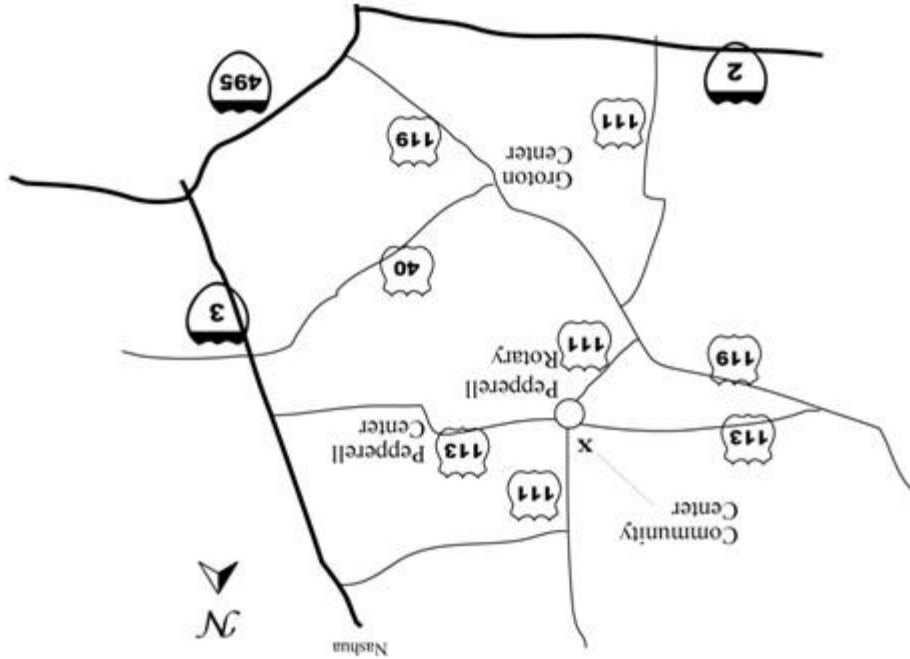
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