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**Hampden County Radio Association Inc.
49th ARRL affiliated year.**

February 1996

H.C.R.A.Meeting!...

The next Hampden County Radio Association meeting will take place on Friday February 2nd , Doors open @ 7:30pm.

The location is Feeding Hills Congregational Church at the JCT. of Routes 57 & 187 in Feeding Hills, Ma. Any one in need of directions please contact any of the board members, hope to see you there.

The next board meeting will take place on Friday February 9th at Barry's place N1IJK. Anyone can attend if you would like further information please contact one of the board members.

H.C.R.A Notes ...

TEN METER NET 28.410 USB

MONDAY NIGHTS 7:30 PM We hope to hear you there.

**The HCRA would like to welcome its' newest members
Mark Woods KA1EDE Keith Davis N1FEZ**

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Any one who wishes to place an add in Zero Beat please contact John N1QXV or
leave a message on the Mass Gold mine BBS 736-0667.

February Meeting

Get ready, because February 2 is one meeting you won't want to miss !!!
HCRA is pleased to announce a special meeting :

“INSIDE THE INTERNET”

Stuart Mitchell, applications consultant for MCI for 6 years, is a 19 year veteran of the telecommunications industry. Stuart has consulted colleges, businesses, as well as fortune 500 corporations.

Stuart will start with an overview of the history and evolution of the internet, and move into technical discussion on the “behind the scenes” aspects on how this massive cyber-infrastructure runs.

Some of the topics to be covered will include:

- Internet basics (getting on the net if your not already) and computer requirements.
- Once on, what does it offer ? What are the cost ?
- What are the dangers lurking in the internet ?
- future of the internet, what is it evolving into, and how it has affected society
- E-mail
- Web pages, and what it takes to create your own.
- What's is needed to start your own internet provider service
- Who and what keeps the internet running, and why
- Lots More

So if you've got questions or you're interested in the internet, this meeting is for you !!!

Jeff Hugabone
VP HCRA

CW WARS

Per a recent, unofficial report, the WARC 95 conference has rejected the move to abolish the CW requirement on the h.f. bands. The issue is not gone for good, nor will other moves to de-emphasize CW requirements and use on the amateur bands.

One official rationale for opposing the easing of CW requirements: The large number of amateurs themselves that support for interest in continued use of CW. Generally, commercial, governmental and military environments can no longer be a justification for amateur CW usage skill. Since these worlds no longer use CW (or will cease very soon), obviously a pool of trained CW operators once one of the widely touted reasons to justify the very existence of ham radio is no longer a logical reason for the persistence of a CW requirement.

However, amateur radio has plenty of justification for its existence on other grounds, and the special nature of amateur usage of our crowded bands as well as our own desires provide ample reason for continued "protection" of the CW operator.

I cannot see an early end to the widespread usage of CW on the ham bands, but longer term, its probably another "use it or lose it" situation. It is up to us to continue our usage of the CW mode and to encourage our friends and clubmates to expose themselves to the pleasures of CW.

(source: ARRL news brief from WARC)

Greetings! It's hard to believe, but it's (almost) February! Before you know it we'll be out in short sleeves again. We are entering the second half of our Club year, and it will be an interesting one. Along with this month's presentation, we are scheduling (subject to availability) programs on DXing , antenna performance measurement, and a world famous Mystery Speaker (yes you do know him).

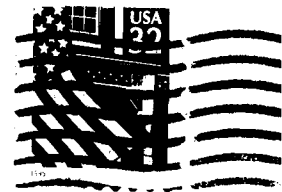
But first, this month we have a very interesting program on the Internet. Bring any questions, basic to very technical, to this meeting! This is the meeting to attend, whether you surf or not.

On January 13, I attended the ARRL's New England Division Board Meeting, in Andover. These meetings are always very interesting, as there is always something of interest relating to all Amateurs, League member or not. For example, did you know that due to the efforts of the Western Mass. ARRL Section Manager, Dan Seine, N1JEB, Massachusetts now has a PRB-1 law on the books with wording even more advantageous to Mass. Amateurs than the Federal law? Another subject discussed was the upcoming World Radio Conference in 1999. The League is looking for opinions to help formulate input for the U.S. position regarding CW requirements below 30 MHz. As you may or may not know, New Zealand is pushing to drop code requirements for privileges below 30 MHz. As a member of the International Radio community, the U.S. will have significant input and (probably) influence in shaping new regulations. What do you think? Let me know. Of course, the U.S. may decide to keep the code requirements anyway, and even if the code restriction is lifted, it will not take effect until 2004!

Well that's all for now. Looking forward to seeing you all on Feb. 2. Until then,

73,
Barry N1LJK

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