



Zero Beat



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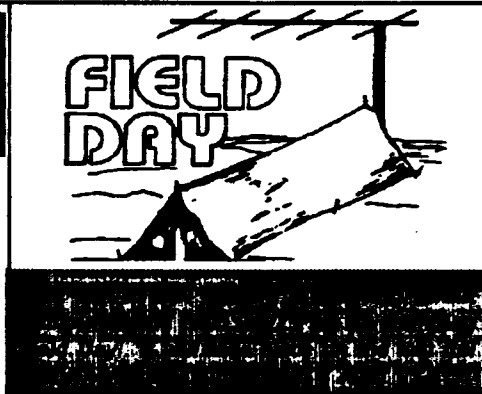
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H.C.R.A. Notes.....

Last month's HCRA featured a interesting topic about radio astronomy. Special thanks to Andy Harris who presented the meeting. It was a very informative ham radio meeting with some useful technical information presented. 25 people attended the meeting, thanks for showing up!

Don't forget our new reduced price on the refreshments, now only 25 cents per item!

Speaking of refreshments, we are in need of a coffee and donut person. This position is needed beginning in June. Please help out. It is a relatively simple job that entitles making coffee and purchasing donuts next door. The person in charge has also been traditionally the one who keeps the coffee supplies as well. Contact Barry



at the next meeting if you can help out.

Field Day has returned after a year off. This year it will be held at the Agawam High School on June 24-25. We are looking for participants. We also traditionally have had a cookout in conjunction with Field Day. Contact Barry, N1JK at the next meeting if you are interested. We will attempt to psyche you up at this month's meeting. (See you at the May meeting!)

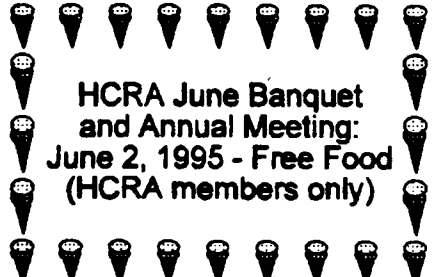
Next H.C.R.A. Meeting.....

The next Hampden County Radio Association meeting will Take place on Friday night May 5, 1995 and will feature many interesting topics all thrown together in one exciting night. This meeting will occur in three different parts. It will begin with a fifteen minute forum about the June election and nominations, as well as other club info. Then, Jerry WA1PGT, will give a 15-20 minute discussion about what to look for and what to avoid when purchasing a personal computer. Finally, we will be showing a 10 minute video from past Field Days to psych people up and to show those who have never participated in one how exciting and fun Field Day is, as well as the importance as far as emergency participation. Doors will open at 7:30 and the meeting will begin around 8:00 P.M. We hope to see you there!

HCRA 10 Meter Net
Every Monday night
@ 7:30 P.M. 28.410 MHz


HCRA Flea Market:
Sunday October 23, 1995


HCRA Field Day:
June 23&24, 1995
Agawam High School
Be there!


HCRA June Banquet and Annual Meeting:
June 2, 1995 - Free Food
(HCRA members only)

Feeding Hills
Congregational Church
JCT of Routes 57 & 187
Feeding Hills, Massachusetts

The next board meeting will take place on Thursday May 11, 1995 and will be at Barry Mason's QTH. If you are interested in attending, please ask Barry N1JK for directions at the next meeting. Remember, anyone can attend the board meetings.

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W1AW Schedule

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Time (EST)	Mode	Days
12 AM	RTTY	Daily
12:45 AM	VOICE	Daily
9 AM	CWs	Wed, Fri
9 AM	CWf	Tue, Thu
10 AM	CWb	Tue-Fri
11 AM	RTTY	Tue-Fri
4 PM	CWf	Mon, Wed, Fri
4 PM	CWs	Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun
5 PM	CWb	Daily
6 PM	RTTY	Daily
7 PM	CWs	Mon, Wed, Fri
7 PM	CWf	Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun
8 PM	CWb	Daily
9 PM	RTTY	Daily
9:45 PM	VOICE	Daily
10 PM	CWf	Mon, Wed, Fri
10 PM	CWs	Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun
11 PM	CWb	Daily

Frequencies (MHz)

CW: 1.818 3.5815 7.0475 14.0475
 18.0975 21.0675 28.0675 147.555
 RTTY: - 3.625 7.095 14.095 18.1025

21.095 28.095 147.555
 VOICE: 1.855 3.99 7.29 14.29 18.16
 21.39 28.59 147.555

Notes:

CW frequencies include code practices, Qualifying Runs and CW bulletins.
 CWs = Morse Code practice (slow) = 5 - 7.5 - 10 - 13 - 15 WPM
 CWf = Morse Code practice (fast) = 35 - 30 - 25 - 20 - 15 - 13 - 10 WPM
 CWb = Morse Code Bulletins = 18 WPM
 RTTY = Teleprinter Bulletins = BAUDOT (45.45 baud) and AMTOR-FEC (100 Baud). ASCII (110 Baud) is sent only as time allows.

Code practice texts are from QST, and the source of each practice is given at the beginning of each practice and at the beginning of alternate speeds.

A DX bulletin replaces or is added to the regular bulletins between 8 P.M. Eastern time Thursdays and 8 P.M. Eastern time Fridays.

On Tuesdays and Saturdays at 6:30 P.M. Eastern time, Keplerian Elements for active amateur satellites are sent on the

regular teleprinter frequencies.

In a communications emergency, monitor W1AW for special bulletins as follows: voice on the hour, teleprinter at 15 minutes past the hour, and CW on the half hour.

W1AW is open to visitors during normal operating hours: from 1 P.M. to 1 A.M. on Mondays, 9 A.M. to 1 A.M. Tuesday through Friday, 1 P.M. to 1 A.M. on Saturdays, and from 3:30 P.M. to 1 A.M. on Sundays. FCC licensed amateurs may operate the station from 1 to 4 P.M. Monday through Saturday. Be sure to bring your current FCC amateur license or a photocopy.

Headquarters and W1AW are closed on New Year's Day, President's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and the following Friday, and Christmas Day. On the first Thursday of September, Headquarters and W1AW will be closed during the afternoon.

More Election Info.....

As was mentioned on page 3, we will be needing interested club members to help the club out by running for the executive board or one of the director seats. We do have a *Zero Beat* editor volunteer for next season. Special thanks go out to John N1QXV who volunteered. It should be great to see John's work beginning in September. Please think about the election in June and fill out the form on page three if you would like to help out. The club will not survive without people to run it! Part of the meeting in May will be devoted to a discussion on this issue. It would be nice to have a full slate in time for the June election, in order to reduce twisting people's arms to run. Many times these people feel obligated and truly do not want the job. This year we will have several positions vacant. They are: President, Vice President, Four new board positions, and one filling term for expiring 1996. We will also be needing someone to run coffee and donuts for the upcoming year. We would like to thank Don & Betty Mish who have done a really good job for us this past year. The election, will be held in conjunction with the June meeting, see next month's *Zero Beat* for information on the time and place. Similar to last year, nominations will be taken from the floor. (This will be providing that the slate has not been filled by the June meeting.) That person will be elected if: 1. They are present. 2. They are interested in the job, and 3. The majority votes that person in. Being active in running the club is essentially all not the difficult. It can involve some time, but it is really rewarding. Typically it involves finding meeting topics and speakers, recruiting new members, and fund raising. Be sure to run this year and see future newsletters for more info!

**H.C.R.A. Flea market:
 October 23, 1995
 Be there!**

1995 H.C.R.A. Board of Directors



Officers

President	N11JK	Barry Mason
Vice President	N1GWV	Adam Olson
Treasurer	N1AEH	Greg Stoddard
Secretary	N1DUY	Jim Sebok

Directors

Expiring 1995

N1FOW	Mike Griffin
N1KBY	Jeff Hugabone
N1RAL	Daniel McKay
WA1OHR	Everett Paluska

Expiring 1996

K1PZS	Harvey Broverman
K1CYD	George Corcoran
NR1L*	Kevin Hillinski*
KA1YZV	Donald Lynch

Coffee + Donuts: Don + Betty Mish*

Zero Beat: Kevin Hillinski NR1L - Editor, Mike Griffin N1FOW & Adam Olson N1GVV - Zero Beat Assistance (folding & stamps)

*resigning term, will need a replacement

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APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION FOR ELECTION TO OFFICE

I, _____
(Print your name here) (Callsign)

Hereby place my name in nomination for election to the office indicated below:
(Circle one candidate office below)

President

Vice- President

Treasurer

Secretary/Clerk

Director (2 year term)

Director (1 year fill-in)

Coffee & Donuts

I certify that I am now, and will maintain my status as, a current regular member, and if elected, will uphold the duties of the office and the standards of the HCRA.

(Sign Here) (Date)

Return this form when completed to the HCRA Secretary/Clerk.

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June Election Info.....

Well, it is coming close to that time of year again, the HCRA's annual election. If you are interested in running for a position, we strongly recommend it this year! This would be a great opportunity for you to participate and help turn this club into one of the best around. This year we will have several positions open for candidates. President, Vice President, and five board positions. Don't be shy, if you are interested please contact Barry, N1IJK, or any other club officer to find out what is involved. It really is really rewarding and looks great on a resume! You can also fill out the application form in the space

above, and bring it to the next meeting. Just give it to Jim Sebolt, N1DUY. Or mail it to the club P.O. Box. If you want to see what goes on, you can attend the board meeting on March 9 at 7:30 P.M. This month's board meeting will occur at Barry Mason's house, located in Springfield, MA. Don't Hesitate to ask for directions at the next meeting. This would be a great chance for you to experience exactly what goes on at one of these meetings. Anyone is welcome. See page 2 in this issue for more information about the election.

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May Meeting

Field Day Video / Computers



Friday May 5, 1995
Doors Open at 7:30 P.M.
Meeting will begin around 8:00 P.M.



CONTRIBUTOR DISCUSSION

Attention HCRA Members, Important Information!:

It has been really fun working for the HCRA the last three years. I know that our new editor, John N1QXV, will do an excellent job. He will take over for me starting in September. I will still be around and will probably pop in on a meeting or two. However, due to other interests I will be stepping down from my current positions. I would like to thank the few of you who have helped me with *Zero Beat* in the past. I would like to make a personal plea to everyone out there who is considering running on the board to do so! We really need help. Well best of 73 & DX and I hope to see you all next year!

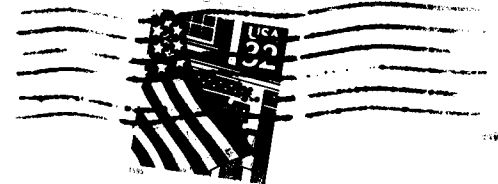
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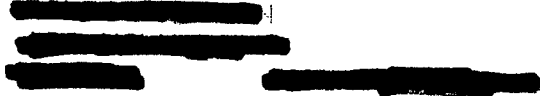
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Field Day is June 24th & 25th!
Agawam High School
Be there, it is an important event!