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FCARC March 2021 Newsletter

Calendar

March 6th, Virtual Denny's Breakfast-see below for connection info

March 8th, March Meeting

March 27th, Submissions are due for the April issue of the Communicator.

April 12th, April Meeting Bob Weller (KA1HAH) goes over highlights of a 40-year career as an oceanographer at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

March Virtual Denny's Breakfast

March 6th Topic: Bradford Councilman's Zoom Meeting

Time: Mar 6, 2021 08:15 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99411813398?pwd=eWpPRGo3WW5BWXIRQi9ZL0xRMkZrQT09>

Meeting ID: 994 1181 3398

Passcode: j4P8Q7

Topic: Bradford Councilman's Zoom Meeting

Time: Mar 6, 2021 08:45 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99205084411?pwd=OVFoZUxKMzVYb1ZMYTY4RGxkSCtMZz09>

Meeting ID: 992 0508 4411

Passcode: BU8xZp

March Meeting Information

March 8th at 7pm, Lad WA3EEC Will be presenting on: Logging and the Casual Operator: A Short Introduction to Logbook of the World (LOTW), Fast Log Entry (FLE), and Converting Logs to Cabrillo Files for Contest Log Submission..

Topic: General Meeting

Time: Mar 8, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://umass-amherst.zoom.us/j/92210588836?
pwd=OVU0ejcxNTZ5cFYwbDRWZ1pnaUd6QT09](https://umass-amherst.zoom.us/j/92210588836?pwd=OVU0ejcxNTZ5cFYwbDRWZ1pnaUd6QT09)

Meeting ID: 922 1058 8836
Passcode: 240123

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Franklin County Amateur Radio Club (FRARC) – Minutes

The E-Board had no agenda items so there was no Board Meeting.

[Amateur Radio Digital Communications](#) (ARDC) is the non-profit organization that runs AMPRNet™. They recently sold a block of IP addresses they controlled [for \\$108 million](#) and their foundation is now giving out grants for amateur radio and related projects. If you're working on such a project, see their request for proposals (RFP) below.

General Request for Proposals March 2021

Amateur Radio Digital Communications (ARDC) is a California-based foundation with roots in amateur radio and the technology of internet communication. ARDC makes grants to projects and organizations that follow the practice and tradition of technical experimentation in both amateur radio and digital communication. Such experimentation has led to broad advances for the benefit of the general public – such as the mobile phone and wireless internet technology. ARDC envisions a world where enabling communications technology is ubiquitously available through open source hardware and software, and where anyone has the ability to study, modify, and share it.

In an effort to bring this vision to life and to further [our mission](#), ARDC is seeking proposals for grants. Our organization makes philanthropic grants in three broad areas:

- Support and Growth of Amateur Radio (often referred to as “Ham Radio”)
- Education in topics related to amateur radio and digital communications
- Technical Innovation, particularly in the areas of:
 - Amateur Radio Technology & Experimentation
 - Internet Technologies
 - Digital Communications
 - Communication Science & Technology

We encourage grant applications that reflect one or more of the following aspirational goals:

- Broad reach
- Social over commercial benefit
- Inclusion of underrepresented groups
- Empowerment of individuals, and distribution rather than centralization
- Preservation of the right to innovate
- Innovation on business models

We require that the results of our grants – be it hardware, software, or a paper – be made as publicly available as possible, ideally through a license specified by the [Open Source Initiative \(OSI\)](#). Please visit ampr.org/giving for more information about our grantmaking categories, goals, and requirements, as well as grantmaking windows, and how to apply for a grant. Our recent [annual report](#) provides a description of the grants we provided in 2020.

Grant proposals are currently accepted on a rolling basis.

Contact:

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From: KB1NOX - Richard

NWS Boston/Norton has announced 2021 Virtual SKYWARN training sessions. All 2021 SKYWARN Training is virtual due to COVID. Details and registration for the online presentation can be found on the wx1box.org web site at the following link:

<http://wx1box.org/2021/03/04/special-announcement-2021-virtual-skywarn-training-sessions-announced-all-2021-skywarn-training-virtual-due-to-covid/>

This information has also been posted on the WX1BOX Facebook and Twitter feeds as well. We hope many can attend the 2021 virtual SKYWARN training sessions. Thanks to all for their continued support of the NWS Boston/Norton SKYWARN program!

Note: In non COVID times the Skywarn training is done in person in Eastern Mass. Zoom is definitely the way to go for western Mass people. If you want to combine your love of weather and your love of radio this is a great opportunity. I did this training last year. You do need to register in advance and they do fill up. If you pass the exam you will get your own Skywarn ID number. Good luck!

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Skywarn spotter 20-550

Currently two weekly nets are held on the KB1BSS 146.985 Mhz repeater.

ARES 2-Meter Net - Tuesday at 8.00 pm on the KB1BSS repeater, 146.985 MHz, – offset, PL 136.5

FCARC Informational 2-Meter Net - Thursday at 8.00 pm on the KB1BSS repeater 146.985 MHz, – offset, PL 136.5

ARES Western Mass Emergency Net

8:30 am: 3.944 MHz LSB

ARES Hampshire/Hampden/Franklin Net

8:45 am: Mt Tom W1TOM VHF repeater, 146.940 MHz, – offset, PL 127.3

9:15 am: Mt Tom W1TOM UHF repeater, 443.200 MHz, + offset, PL 127.3

ARES Berkshire Net

9:00 am: Mt Greylock K1FFK repeater, 146.910 MHz, – offset, PL 162.2



Western Massachusetts Amateur Radio Emergency Service®



The Western Massachusetts ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) group needs volunteers. Everyone is urged to apply.

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES) consists of licensed amateurs who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment, with their local ARES leadership, for communications duty in the public service for local events and when disaster strikes.

Every licensed amateur, regardless of membership in ARRL or any other local or national organization is eligible to apply for membership in ARES.

People are needed:

In your neighborhood

- To aid in getting critical information to and from local emergency officials.
- To get information on the response to a disaster from officials to your neighbors, friends and family.

In your town

- Assisting in a town Emergency Operations agency, hospital or shelter to provide a vital communications link.

At the county or regional level where applicable

- Assisting Emergency Operations Centers, hospitals or shelters in providing communications with towns and groups outside the emergency.

Join now!

Your Western MA, ARRL and ARES Section can provide:

- Training in procedures, regulations and technologies to help increase your communications proficiency
- Technical Support to achieve your desired goals

For more Information or to join visit:

<https://wma.arrl.org/join-ares/>

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This is your newsletter! Amateur radio information of general interest, club member project descriptions and doings, radio applications to other activities, corrections, or suggestions are all welcome. Individual submissions make for variety! We need more writers! Send submissions to: Aaron KF1G (rangerfriday@gmail.com).