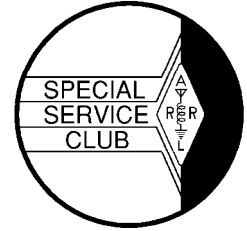




Nashoba Valley
Amateur Radio Club

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Please Note No July Meeting

The calendar incorrectly shows a meeting in July. We have no July meeting. The next meeting is the cookout in August.

I have reprinted the mailing labels to show the current membership expiration. If there are any discrepancies please let the treasurer know.

Also, the E-mail address for the WRC-97 correspondence was truncated from the article. It is

440 Machine/Autopatch

The 440 machine now has an autopatch covering Pepperell, Groton, Dunstable, and Tyngsboro. Dave N1MNX has been working on this for some time. Dave is looking for "subscribers" to sign up to support the monthly phone charges for the autopatch. Dave estimates that it will cost about \$250.00 per year to cover the phone costs. The more people that subscribe the lower the per person cost will be. For more information please contact Dave at 508-433-2577. Or David K Peabody

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This Month and Beyond

This month we have no regular meeting. This will let us catch our breath after field day. Next month is the cookout. Details will be in the next newsletter. The cookout will be on the regular club meeting night.

Field Day 96

It's June again, and for hams all over North America that means only one thing. Field Day! Sponsored by the American Radio Relay League, Field Day is both a test of emergency preparedness and operating skill. Radio Clubs set up "emergency" style stations (with generators, tents, etc.) to prepare for real emergencies, and sharpen their operating skills by participating in a radio "contest."

The Nashoba Valley Amateur Radio Club will be operating again this year behind the Groton Junior High School. Setup will begin around 9 AM on Saturday morning (right after breakfast at Pa's Place!). The operating period begins at 2PM and lasts for 24 hours.

The club plans to operate in the 2 transmitter category, running two HF (short-wave) stations, plus a novice station. At this time, we are looking for volunteers who would want to provide leadership in one of the following areas - VHF/UHF station, packet station, satellite station, or food/barbecue. And as always, we encourage participation (no matter how little or how much) by anyone in any of the different facets of Field Day the club participates in. Field day is a great learning experience for newcomer and old timer alike!

Field Day is a great way to broaden your ham radio horizons. Experience aspects of amateur radio you are not (yet) involved in, and sharpen your operating skills. Meet other hams and club members, and have FUN!

I hope to CU there! Bruce

New Video Tapes

Upcoming Public Service Events

Groton Septemberfest	Sept
Pepperell Soccer Tournament	Oct

Meeting notes from June 20th

The guest speaker for June was Jacque Patry from Groton Electronics. He talked about the options for getting your equipment serviced. He covered some of the pitfalls and do's and do nots. He covered the expenses required to run such a business, such as the \$7,000 piece he used to check out our handhelds after the meeting. He talked about different types of equipment that were not reasonable to have "repaired". These fell more in the realm of restoration, which is very expensive in terms of return on investment.

NVARC Slow Speed Net

The net meets Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00 P.M. on 28.123 MHz. Except the third Thursday of the month, that being the club meeting night.

Board Meeting Notes



The June Board Meeting was held at the Pepperell Community Center prior to the Field Day Meeting.. We discussed requests by the Pepperell Fourth of July Committee for support for the parade on July 6th. Also discussed was a request by Charter Communications for support of the Pepperell Road Race on July 5th. We also discussed events relating to WRC-97 as noted elsewhere in the newsletter. The meeting then turned to field day.

\$The Treasurer's Report \$

Income for May was \$62.00 from dues and an ARRL renewal. Expenses were \$21.70 for newsletter postage and checking account fee. Current balances:

General fund \$643.56
Education fund \$188.34

I have moved the club checking account to a no-fee account with a different credit union. The original checking account had moved through three different banks due to mergers. It started as a no-fee account but a fee was instituted in the course of the mergers.

73 -Ralph KD1SM

NVARC QSL BUREAU

The NVARC Buro sent out one pound of cards since the last meeting.

Bring your cards and a QST label to the meeting or to breakfast and the club will take care of the shipping and bureau fee.

Predictions From The Past

"The wireless music box has no imaginable commercial value. Who would pay for a message sent to nobody in particular?" David Sarnoff's associates in response to his urgings for investment in the radio in the 1920's

"The concept is interesting and well-formed, but in order to earn better than a 'C', the idea must be feasible." A Yale University management professor in response to Fred Smith's paper proposing reliable overnight delivery service. Smith went on to found Federal Express Corp.

From the Video Library

The Video Library has seven titles to loan.

- **The Last Voice From Kuwait**
- The all China DF Competition
- **Your League at Work**
- **Signal to Noise Story**
- **Gonzaga Prep HS Radio Club Satellite Communications**
- **The New World of Amateur Radio**



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