

QRA NEWSLETTER

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QRA WAS FOUNDED ON NOVEMBER 18, 1948

IN WAKEFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

1948-2016, OUR 68th YEAR

CLUB OFFICERS

President – VACANCY
Vice President – Mike Rioux, W1USN
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John Carrick, KB1YEF
Banquet Committee- John Carrick, KB1YEF
Barbara Day, KA1EDY
Jim Fisk, W1HL

IS IT TIME TO PAY
YOUR DUES ?
STILL ONLY \$15.00

Dues can be paid to the club treasurer at the next meeting or sent to him at:
QRA c/o Jeff Hollis, W1CKH, 46 Bond St., Reading, MA 01867-2432

QRA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The QRA holds its membership meetings at the Reading, MA Senior Citizen Center at 49 Pleasant Street in the old fire house. All are invited and holding an Amateur Radio license is not required. Meetings begin around 7:00 pm on the third Thursday of each month, September through June. We have very interesting speakers. Come join us and bring a friend with you.

DECEMBER 2016 QRA MEETING MINUTES

Our February 2017 QRA monthly membership meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by club secretary Bob Reiser, AA1M.

Bob ran a quick meeting asking if there was any old business, there was none, any new business, there was none, and finally, any monkey business, there was none.

John Carrick, KB1YEF introduced our speaker of the evening Doug Heath who gave a great talk with slides on the Middlesex Fells Reservation. There were many questions from the group during the talk about the development and history of the Fells and the people who were responsible.

The get together ended at 7:55 pm and there were 14 members and guests attending.

Submitted by QRA club secretary, Bob Reiser, AA1M

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QRA ANNUAL MINI DXPEDITION

QRA members Mike Rioux, W1USN and Bob Reiser, AA1M will be operating from the Central American country of Panama (HP) from February 10 till February 22, 2017. They will be operating as HP8/Homecall. Mike will be doing SSB and Digital mode and Bob will do CW and Digital. This will be the 27th year of these trips. The first trip in 1990 was with Bob and Ray Sylvester, NR1R to Little Cayman (ZF8) and continued with members Jim Fisk, W1HL, Tim McNulty, K1TIM and Mike going to many of the different countries of the Caribbean. Some family members have also come along during the years, but have not contributed to the radio operating. You can look for us on the different dx announcement boards on the internet. Most operations will be up 2 or 3 KHz from the bottom of the General portion of the bands. Digital ops will be on the normal digital frequencies. If you hear us, please spot us. Hope to work everyone at least once. 73, Bob, AA1M

QRA IS ON THE WEB AT:

WWW.W1EKT.ORG And WWW.W1EKT.COM

FLEASPEAK the vernacular of hamfest fleamarkets

This was passed to me by a friend. Apparently it originated in the boatanchors netsgroup and is due to W8ZR, W9GR, WB4MNF and probably others I haven't acknowledged. (WM7D)

Fleaspeak

This rig puts out a big signal
This is a really good CW rig
This is a really good SSB rig
This is a really good rig
The transmitter is outstanding
The receiver is really hot
This rig is really hot
It seems to be a vintage regenerative type
I just retubed it
I just aligned it
I don't know if it works
It doesn't chirp
The audio sounds great
I just had it serviced
It comes with the original box
Better buy it now, because it won't last
Sure, it works at full power
This rig has wide coverage
Frequency stability is great
Real popular rig in its day
QST gave this one a really great review
It might need a bit of tweaking
It was used in government service
The dial drive might need lubricating
I plugged it in to check that it lights up
I'm selling it because I have two of them
You won't find one at a better price
This is a collector's item
It came from an estate sale
I had it on the air just last night
It worked the last time I used it
The only lightning damage was a fuse
I have the (?) somewhere, I'll send it to you
I'll help you carry it to the car
It works OK on 80 meters
The tubes used by this rig are worth the asking price

This is the rig of my dreams. I wanted one as a kid
The signal quality of this rig was easily
recognizable in its day
This rig will bring back the feeling and atmosphere
of vintage ham gear
I'd keep this baby but my wife is making me clean
everything out
There are a couple of others interested in it
You'd better buy it now, I'm leaving soon

English Translation

It's 50 KHz wide
It doesn't work on SSB
It doesn't work on CW
It doesn't work on SSB or CW
It doesn't receive
It doesn't transmit
It's stolen
It oscillates
Got 'em from questionable used tube stock
The slugs on the transformers are jammed
It doesn't work, probably never has
It doesn't chirp because it doesn't transmit
The 120 Hz buzz is faithfully reproduced
I sprayed WD-40 over all the wiring
Just brush out the kitty litter
No transaction needed
It sucks all it can from the wall
It drifts up and down and out of band
The VFO doesn't work, you'll have to use crystals
There were whole HF nets on the repair and maintenance problems
The language gave new ground for profanity
Marconi himself couldn't fix it, much less align it
It was stored outdoors on a wet pallet
The gears are stripped and the setscrews frozen
The light came from the two foot high flames
I'm getting rid of my parts radio
Better from the view of the seller
The manufacturer just went belly up and won't honor the warranty
If you have any problems, take it up with the owner
And you thought the woodpecker was gone
If it still worked, I'd still be using it
The only damage I noticed was a fuse
You'll never see the (?)
I'll do anything to unload this boat anchor
It had some parasitics, but I fixed them
The rig uses a rare 7360 beam deflection tube, a modulator, but it's
blown and you'll spend \$80 for a new one
I got older and now see what a piece of junk it is
The high distortion and bad audio quickly identified this rig

The by-pass capacitors to the AC line put enough voltage
on the chassis to give you a lip burn through the microphone
I'm finally getting rid of this thing

Someone sat on it to tie his shoelaces
The previous buyer is coming and he doesn't look happy

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WA1RHN/R AT 7:30 PM ON 147.075

NEXT QRA MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 16, 2017

AND WILL BEGIN AT

*** * * 7:00 PM * * ***

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