

QRA NEWSLETTER

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QRA WAS FOUNDED ON NOVEMBER 18, 1948

IN WAKEFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

1948-2014, OUR 65th YEAR

CLUB OFFICERS

President – Jeff Hollis, W1CKH
Vice President – Tim McNulty, K1TIM
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Brian Gudzevich, WO1VES 2012-2014
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WRTC-2014 ANNOUNCES AWARDS AVAILABLE TO STATIONS WORKING WRTC TEAMS

[WRTC-2014](#) has [announced](#) the various awards available to stations working the WRTC teams during the competition this July. The WRTC-2014 Chase" will run concurrently with the IARU HF Championship, which gets underway from the Boston area on July 12 at 1200 UTC. The 59 competing stations will sport distinctive call signs -- not yet announced -- that will be easy to recognize

.Activity Award

"The WRTC teams will be using 100 W to simple antennas," Andy Blank, N2NT, director of the WRTC-2014 Competition Committee said in stressing the importance of off-site participants as part of the competition. "High activity will make the competition more exciting and help identify the more-skilled operating teams. In what other sport can you stay home and still be on the field of play?" WRTC-2014 is encouraging "everyone" to work the competing teams on as many bands and modes as possible. All contacts with WRTC-2014 stations will be confirmed by QSL card via the bureau for DX stations or direct to US stations. All contacts will also be confirmed through ARRL's Logbook of The World ([LoTW](#)). As an added incentive, each contact with a WRTC team counts 5 points for the ARRL Centennial QSO Party.

Any station appearing in all 59 WRTC team logs will be able to download a certificate from the WRTC-2014 website after the contest. No additional application is necessary. (ARRL Letter, May 15 2014)

**This issue will be the last for this fiscal year.
The next issue of QRA News will be in September 2014.
Have a safe Summer**

QRA MAY 2014 MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

The May 2014 meeting of the QRA was called to order at 7:34 pm by club president Jeff Hollis, W1CKH. All in attendance were invited to introduce themselves to the group. President Jeff asked member Jim Fisk, W1HL to report his findings and plans on the search for a place to hold the club's annual banquet. Jim reported that there is new management at the Hillview CC in North Reading and the prices were drastically raised since last year and he recommended we seek another location for this year's banquet. After much discussion, it was agreed this year's event's first choice would be catered and held at the Reading Senior Center if the hall was available for the four dates agreed upon by the group. Those dates are June 19, 20, 26 or 27. President Jeff will be contacting the town to see about availability. Member Stephan, N1YPI will be helping Jeff organize the event. It was also agreed that the club will fully subsidize the event at no cost to members and guests. Member Jim, W1HL will also be acquiring door prizes for the banquet with up to our usual \$200.00 limit. When all plans are finalized, club secretary will mail or email all information to each club member. It was also agreed to have all members make reservations for the event before Tuesday June 10, 2014 so plans can be finalized.

President Jeff noted that the club hasn't appointed a Nominating Committee and we needed to nominate and elect members to the positions of club president, VP and three BOD members. Club treasurer Jeff, W1CKH and club secretary Bob Reiser, AA1M will be running for re-election. Barbara Day, KA1EDV, Tom Cefalo, W1EX and John Carrick, KB1YEF volunteered for BOD positions, Tom McNulty, K1TIM volunteered for the position of club president only if Ray Sylvester, NR1R would fill the VP slot. Ray agreed and the club secretary was motioned to cast a vote for the full slate.

Larry Keegan, WA1PII stood to suggest each member try to get people interested in amateur radio.

Under new business, Steve, N1YPI suggested the club donate a new larger projector viewing screen to the Reading Senior Center. Steve will check prices and sizes and report back to the club at a meeting.

The members took a break from 8:10 pm to 8:30 pm for coffee and treats again brought to the meeting by Larry Keegan, WA1PII.

After the break, member Jim, W1HL auctioned off some items from the estate of Mike Riordan, W1HFR (SK). Jim was happy to report that after selling a Heathkit VSWR/power meter to Larry, WA1PII for \$5.00 and a 14V/23A power supply to John, KB1YEF for \$25.00 he would give \$30.00 to Mick's XYL after the meeting.

Larry stood to tell all that he had discovered Light Houses on the Air.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm. There were 18 members and guests attending.

(Submitted by QRA secretary Bob Reiser, AA1M)

KDA Custom Embroidery is owned by QRA member Paul Anderson, KA1GIJ and his wife Kathleen.

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2014 QRA BANQUET INVITATION

This year's QRA Banquet will be held at the Reading Senior Center where we hold our monthly membership meetings. The banquet will be held on Thursday evening June 19, 2014, doors will open at 6:00 pm and the meal will be a buffet of Chinese food (no alcohol allowed). This year, QRA will be footing the bill for the event. Members and one guest will be allowed to attend free of charge. The club has also allotted \$200.00 to Jim Fisk, W1HL to be used for door prizes.

The QRA is pleased to announce the speakers at our June banquet meeting will be Gerry and Mary Murphy who recently returned after two years volunteering for the Peace Corps in Morocco. They have many fascinating stories to tell about their experiences in this North African country with a culture so different than ours. You'll surely enjoy their talk. Don't miss it.

It is necessary that all reservations be submitted to club secretary Bob Reiser, AA1M by telephoning him at 781 272 6219 or email via AA1M@ARRL.NET before Tuesday June 10, 2014. This information is needed at that time so we can better plan the event.

Newly elected club officers for the club fiscal year 2014-2015 and Board of Directors for fiscal years 2014-2016 (listed in the May meeting minutes) will be installed at this meeting.

Bob Reiser, AA1M, QRA club secretary

DUES ARE DUE NOW

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. We have very interesting speakers. Come join us and bring a friend with you.

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