

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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APRIL 2017 QRA MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

The April 2017 QRA membership meeting was called to order at 7:16 pm by club V.P. Mike Rioux, W1USN. After the customary self introductions, our speaker of the evening, Steve Davidson, K1SMD gave a talk about new equipment that is available for the ham community. Steve brought along a new fangled portable HF antenna and a HF radio. Steve is manager of the Salem, New Hampshire HRO, better known as the local “Candy Store”

An 2017 ARRL Handbook was donated to the club in the name of HRO by Steve. The book was won through a raffle to John Pineau, WA1RHN. (Money goes to money).

Club treasurer Jeff Hollis, W1CKH was absent due to knee surgery. A get well card was passed around for signatures. Secretary Bob Reiser, AA1M asked if anyone knew of the status of member Jackie Jones, KB1NNA. Brian Gudzevich, WO1VES notified the group the Jackie had become a Silent Key and her funeral was on the day of the meeting.

A call for nominations for club officers and BOD members. None were put forward. Nominations and elections will be held at the May membership meeting.

Annual banquet plans are being worked on by members John Carrick, KB1YEF and Wally Callahan, KC1ENI. They will report on their progress at the May meeting.

This years QRA’s Field Day will be held at the Overlook Park at Edgemoer Ave. and Harriett Ave. in Burlington, Mass. This is the same place as last year. The event will be held on Saturday, June 24th, beginning at 10 am and finishing before dusk.

Directions will be published in the June issue of QRA News. All are invited to come up and join in with set-up and operating. We expect to have 4 or 5 or 6 stations set up.

An offer was made by Ron Draper, WA1QZK to have this years Field Day held at a cottage in Bethal, Maine. No-one seemed to be interested. The cottage is approximately 3 hours from the Reading area.

There was a question raised about the club holding a “Tech is a Day” class. This will be dicussed next year.

Coffee and donuts were available during the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.

There were 19 members and guests attending. (submitted by QRA Bob Reiser, AA1M)

QRA Purpose and Meeting Location

The QRA is an organization which is open to all who are interested in radio communications. It is our goal to further develop and help expand Amateur Radio (“Ham Radio”), while enjoying ourselves. The QRA was founded in Wakefield, Massachusetts on November 18, 1948 and is still based in the same geographical area. Everyone interested is invited to attend QRA meetings and other activities as well as to join the association. You do not need to hold an Amateur Radio license to participate. Annual dues are \$15.00 and are payable at the beginning of our fiscal year in September and may be paid to the club treasurer at a meeting or sent to his address which is listed elsewhere in this issue of QRA News. The meetings of the QRA are held at the Reading Senior Center, 49 Pleasant Street in Reading, Mass. Pleasant Street meets Route 28 (Main Street) in Reading center opposite the CVS drug store. The Senior Center is located in an historic restored fire barn, approximately half a block from Route 28. Some members will remember it as the place QRA once held Amateur Radio classes. There is plenty of parking in the rear and the building is handicapped accessible. Our membership meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month, excluding the summer months of July and August and are scheduled to start at 7:00 pm. The club provides interesting and informative programs, often with speakers and interesting subjects, mini auctions, coffee and donuts and plenty of fellowship. The QRA Newsletter is published 10 times each year on the months we hold our meetings. As stated above, anyone interested in Amateur Radio is invited to attend a meeting and to join us on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm on the WA1RHN/R repeater (147.075), Please join us and bring along a friend.

**QRA IS ON THE WEB AT: WWW.W1EKT.ORG
And WWW.W1EKT.COM**

THOUGHTS

I hate Russian dolls. They're so full of themselves.

Throwing acid is wrong, in some people's eyes.

My friend and his wife were happy for twenty years, then they met.

The first time I got a universal remote, I thought to myself “this changes everything”.

Say what you want about deaf people.

I've spent the last 4 years looking for my ex-girlfriends killer, but no-one will do it.

I recently decided to sell my vacuum cleaner, all it does is collect dust.

People say I'm condescending. That means I talk down to people.

You can never lose a homing pigeon – If your homing pigeon doesn't come home, all you've lost is a pigeon.

I was at an ATM and this old lady asked me to check her balance, so I pushed her over.

**COME JOIN THE QRA 2-METER NET ON TUESDAY EVENINGS
WA1RHN/R AT 7:30 PM ON 147.075**

KDA Custom Embroidery is owned by QRA member Paul Anderson, KA1GIJ and his wife Kathleen. For 20 years, Paul and Kathleen have been providing customized embroidery and screen-printing from their shop on Pearl Street in Reading. Names, monograms, call signs, logos and designs (stock or customized) can be stitched on hats, shirts, sweatshirts, polo-shirts and more. Purchase garments from them or provide your own.

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WHAT IS ARRL FIELD DAY?

ARRL Field Day is the single most popular On-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend of June of each year, more than 35,000 radio amateurs gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations.

Field Day is a picnic, a campout, practice for emergencies, an informal contest and, most of all, fun.

It is a time where many aspects of Amateur Radio come together to highlight our many roles. While many will treat it as a contest, other groups take the opportunity to practice their emergency response capabilities. It is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate Amateur Radio to the organizations that Amateur Radio might serve in an emergency, as well as the general public. For many years, ARRL Field Day is one of the highlights of their annual calendar.

The contest part is to simply contact as many other stations as possible and to learn to operate our radio gear in abnormal situations and less than optimal conditions.

We use these same skills when we help with events such as marathons and bike-a-thons; fund-raisers such as walk-a-thons; celebrations such as parades; and exhibits at fairs, malls and museums – these are all large, preplanned, non-emergency activities.

But despite the development of very complex, modern communications systems – or maybe because they ARE so complex – ham radio has been called into action again and again to provide communications in crises when it really matters. Amateur Radio people (also called “hams”) are well known for our communications support in real disaster and post-disaster situations.

FROM THE ARRL “What is ARRL Field Day?”

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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

NEXT QRA MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS THURSDAY

MAY 18, 2017

AND WILL BEGIN AT

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

**OUR SPEAKER FOR THE EVENING WILL BE
QRA MEMBER**

MIKE RIOUX, W1USN

MIKE WILL SPEAK ON

“CYBERSECURITY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS”

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