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This Month in Emergency Communications: Summer Operator Engagement Opportunities

Sure, there are weather nets and traffic nets and the occasional rag chew net to jump into, but as RACES communicators, through much of the year, many of us have only the monthly communication test to practice our net skills with other emergency minded communicators. With summer now getting into full swing, many opportunities are available for RACES operators to join forces with local ARES groups and participate in local public service nets that may be supporting road races, parades, or local government events. Anyone interested in making contact with local ARES groups can find out more at <http://www.arrl.org/ares> or can contact our ARES State Emergency Coordinator, Marek Kozubel at KB1NCG@arrl.net

SEMARA to offer a Technician Licensing Class

We often spent quite a lot of time explaining to our local government contacts and Emergency Management Directors about the capabilities of Amateur Radio and the licensed operators that serve them. What better way for them to understand the free resource available to them than by taking a two day walk through the material that each operator they encounter should know? They may even be able to get their ticket and participate in the fun once they finish!

South Eastern Massachusetts Amateur Radio Association (SEMARA), located in Dartmouth, is planning on holding a two day Technician Class licensing class at their clubhouse on July 30th and 31st from 10am to 5pm each day.

Please spread the word to members of your local Emergency Management Agency team and any people that you think may be interested in joining our ranks. More information can be found on the Eastern MA Section website at <http://ema.arrl.org/node/2148>

Monthly Net Report

As all of the net reports for the June monthly net have not all been received yet, the June net reports will be included in the July newsletter. The overall net reports received seemed to show positive participation in the VHF nets, though conditions on the HF net made the net difficult on 80-meters.