



Introducing the New ARRL EMA Section Manager

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Background

- First licensed 1976 as (Novice) WB0UGM in High School
- Studied at MIT; earned BS in EECS
- Currently hold Amateur Extra class ticket

More Background

- Lived most of adult life in Boston area
- 3-year assignment in (W.) Germany; 7-year stint in Stockton, CA
- Now retired and living on Cape Cod with wife Vicki and two dogs, Lloyd and Annie

N1ILZ's Interests

- **Everything** in Ham Radio!
- NCS for several local nets
- Very active in NTS including NCS for local, sectional and regional nets. Net Manager for MARIDN

N1ILZ's Interests, Part 2

- Casually chasing DX (phone and CW)
- Casual contesting (phone, CW and digital)
- Digital modes (NBEMS, Winlink, DMR, AREDN Mesh Networks, ...)
- Public service & community events, ARES

Local Clubs

- VP of Barnstable Amateur Radio Club
- Member of PART of Westford
- Visiting clubs around the section



N1ILZ Agenda for 2023



No Org or Staff Changes

Tom, K1TW left the section in outstanding condition. All EMA Section staff have agreed to continue in the current roles.




Learn the Section

Regularly attend Club Meetings across the Section
Provide regular ARRL updates.
Answer questions; solve problems.



Personal Focus

NTS (1.0) nets
NTS 2.0
Learn, learn, learn!



Volunteers on the Air (VOTA)

- Year-Long Operating Event to Celebrate ARRL's Volunteers
 - Started Jan 1, 2023; Ends Dec 31, 2023
- Similar to 2014 ARRL Centennial Celebration and 2018 Int'l Grid Chase; driven wholly by QSOs uploaded to LoTW
- How to earn points:
 - Contact ARRL Volunteers (Officers, Division and Section Staff, and Members)
 - Contact W1AW/# Stations in All 50 states
- Details at <https://www.arrl.org/volunteers-on-the-air>

ARRL Club Commission Program

- Your Club earns commission when members **join** or **renew** their ARRL membership
 - NEW – Club earns \$15; RENEWAL – Club earns \$5; NO LIMIT
- ARRL Member Completes a [Membership Application for Affiliated Clubs](#), including full payment **directly to ARRL** (check, credit card, cash)
- Club (Treasurer?) Collects Applications, Submits to ARRL with a Completed [Club Commission Reconciliation Form](#)
- ARRL Processes Applications; Club Receives Funds (usually 2-3 weeks)
- Full details at <https://www.arrl.org/affiliated-club-benefits>

Ask Me About ...



- ARRL New England Division RFI Hunting Teams ...
- Potential "Gotcha" with <callsign>@arrl.net email reflector ...
- Helping make EMA Section better ...
- Anything else!

N1ILZ Contact Information

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E-Mail

n1ilz@arrl.org
Usually most reliable.

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NTS

Address a Radiogram to
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Phone & email optional - I pick
up traffic daily

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Phone/Text

508-246-4982
Send a text or leave a voicemail; I
will respond as soon as I can.

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USMail

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Useful for sending packages