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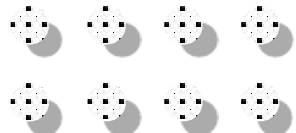
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Topics

- Introduction & Background
- N1ILZ Agenda for 2023
- Volunteers on the Air (VOTA)
- [NTS 2.0]
- Questions

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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, ...)
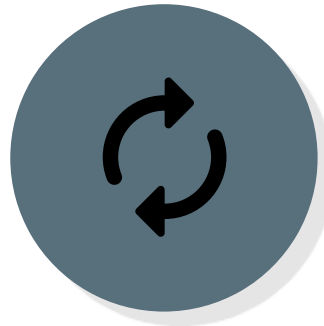- Public service & community events, ARES

Local Clubs

- VP of Barnstable Amateur Radio Club
- Member of PART of Westford
- Will be 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

Questions and Comments?

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