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President's Message

Happy Holidays everybody! Our October and November meetings were very well attended. In October, Rob Macedo, KD1CY showed us some unbelievable footage of the destruction caused by the Springfield area tornadoes and Hurricane Irene and the hams who took part in providing the necessary emergency communications. We received an additional sampling of Mother Nature's fury in October with downed power lines and other destruction, all of which underscores the important role we play in providing emergency communications.

Our November gathering featured Greg, N8ZRY on restoring antique radio gear. This, without a doubt, was one of the best presentations we have had at FARA.

By now you have seen the photos on the FARA reflector about the Wellesley Cub Scout visit to W1FY. My thanks to Ed W1NXC, Mary KA1HGL, Sumner W1VIV and Lowell KB1FHJ for putting this together on short notice.

Also, big kudos to Jim, W1EQW who got on the FARA repeater from his QTH for over an hour and provided the opportunity for the scouts to experience the thrill of a QSO. Their troop master Jeff Piazza was very impressed and we may be working with them again next year during their annual Cub Scout Day Trek Exposition.

Do you have any ideas or suggestions for alternate monthly programs? At the last board meeting we discussed adding some variety to our general meetings with activities other than a speaker every month. Our January meeting will feature a "Show and Tell" night, and, if there is time, we will have a DVD of a DXpedition. We haven't had a show and tell for a long time, so please look around your shack for any item relating to Ham Radio or electronics which you think would be interesting to share with the group.

Please note that because of our holiday party on December 3, there will NOT be a general meeting this Thursday, December 1 at the police station. If you wish to join us, please email me ASAP.

Also, just a friendly reminder that dues are due by January 1, 2012. You can send your dues to FARA, PO Box 3005, Framingham, MA 01705. Our treasurer, Arnold, KB1RIA, reports that dues have been slow in coming. Dues are only \$15 and if you wish to add a voluntary \$10 for the repeaters, by all means please do so! FARA has bills and expenses as you do, and dues play a major part in keeping the club going!

73 and have a great holiday season!

FARA Horizons

Dec 3:	FARA Holiday Party
Jan:	Movie night: DVD of a DXpedition and brief show and tell
Feb:	Andy Stewart KB1OIQ on using Linux in the ham shack
March:	Speaker TBD.
***March 23	FARA flea market Keefe Tech
April:	Pizza party
May 5-6:	New England QSO Party
May:	TBD
June:	TBD...Field Day?

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Wellesley Cub Scout Visit to W1FY!

Pictures by Lowell, KB1FHJ



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Meeting: Club meetings are normally held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30PM in the Framingham Police Station

Club Nets: FARA Net: Sunday, 7:30PM, 147.75/147.15 - social/chat, ARES preparedness

Club Station: W1FY, the club station and shack, is open Saturday mornings from 8:30-12:00. Call the club number, 508-879-8097 to confirm.

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