

# The Framingham Circuit

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## Thursday, Nov 1

The National Radio Company was based in Malden, was most famous for its long-running line of HRO receivers, and put Boston on the map of world-class radio manufacturing during the tube era. The HRO radio uses two unique features to allow competitive reception for the day: plug-in coil sets for band selection and a gear-driven PW tuning dial for excellent band-spread and repeatability.

Dan Brown W1DAN will bring an HRO-7 receiver, explain the origin of the HRO receiver and show the inner details of the coil sets and tuning mechanism. As Dan still frequently uses one of his many HROs, he will explain his love of this unique series of radio receivers.

## President's Message

Hello,

I was missing from the October meeting - more on this later - but I gather it was well-attended. Nancy and I were on vacation, and while visiting a beach on the north shore of Kauai we had a surprise face-to-face QSO with John, KB1VXY, and his wife LouAnn. This was a surprise to us all, since neither of us had any advance knowledge of the others travel plans, or even that we would be traveling. It's been noted that one of the interesting and exciting things about amateur radio is that you never know who you could meet on the air. Well, this is true in person, as well.

This month's guest speaker will be Dan Brown, W1DAN, who will be discussing the National HRO-7. This is one of the classic post-war receivers, which was made here in Massachusetts, so the presentation should be very interesting. The meeting will be at the Framingham Police Station training room on Thursday, 1 November, beginning at 7:30. Don't forget to bring refreshments to share afterwards.

Information will be forthcoming on the Holiday Party. As soon as the details are known, these will be propagated.

It's not too soon to be paying your dues. These may be paid at the meeting, or by mail (FARA, PO BOX 3005, Framingham, MA 01705-3005). Dues are still only \$15, \$10 for students and seniors over 65 years of age, with an additional \$10 for the repeater.

73, Paul

## FARA Horizons

- November: Dan Brown W1DAN on National HRO-7.
- December: Holiday Party at QTH of John KB1VXY (Saturday, Dec 8; snow date Saturday, Dec 15)
- January: Fred Kemmerer AB1OC and Anita Kemmerer AB1QB on their DXpedition to Bora Bora.
- February: Show and Tell and Video of a DXpedition
- March: TBA
- April: TBA  
FARA FLEA MARKET SUNDAY APRIL 7 AT KEEFE TECH!!
- May: PIZZA PARTY
- June: TBA: Election of Officers/Field Day  
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## Surprise Run in with our President!

John, KB1VXY

I was on vacation in Hawaii on the Island of Kauai and went to a beach and came across a guy with a handle bar mustache that was strangely familiar looking. I thought it might be Paul, looked at him, he at me ( I had my Yaseau hat on), and neither of us was sure, so we went on. A few minutes later I saw him and Nancy walking to their vehicle which was next to mine, so I said hi and it was him!!! See picture to prove that FARA had a secret DXpedition to Kauai, Hawaii!!!! Note HT in my hand.

The surf here was very high and rough due to a storm, no swimming, no snorking, no surfing allowed. This picture is on a dune a 100 feet or so out from the actual shore, the lady taking the picture is standing in flowing water from overflow from the dune. My wife got caught in a rapidly rising flow the day earlier when a bunch of waves crashed over this dune and the stream became a river quickly. She could have swum her way out but she would have had to drop the camera. so I had to run out through the rapidly rising stream

and I needed help from another guy to get her back to the shore. This picture was taken the following day when things calmed a bit.



*Paul, John and YL's in Hawaii*

## Membership Dues

Annual membership dues are as follows:  
(Make checks payable to FARA)

Regular FARA \$15

Student / Retired \$10

Repeater (voluntary) \$10

## Sunday Night Net

Have you checked into the FARA Sunday evening net lately? One of the main purposes for checking in is to make sure that you and your radio station are capable and ready to assist in emergencies including natural disasters. The Sunday evening net is an easy, no pressure way to practice and improve your operating skills. The FCC has given us frequencies to use for such emergencies, so let's use them and not lose them. Support your FARA Sunday evening net by checking in at 7:30 PM each Sunday evening on the 147.15 MHz repeater. You may also learn something new from the "ham radio question of the week".

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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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