

# The Framingham Circuit

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## President's Message

I hope everyone had a an enjoyable summer.

This month's speaker will be Gerry Kersus, W1GD, who will be discussing "Top Band Contesting: Fun on 160M." Gerry lives in Holden. He grew up in Worcester and was first licensed as WN1FBX in August 1965. After graduating from WPI in 1971, he moved to MD and then to NJ where he lived until 2013. In 1976, he traded in his call to become W1GD. He's been an active DXer and contester for over 50 years and is a member of the Frankford Radio Club, the South Jersey DX Assoc., the Yankee Clipper Contest Club and the Central MA ARA. Gerry's a letter sorter (C) for the W1 QSL Bureau and was a volunteer at WRTC 2014. He still travels to the Jersey Shore to each January to operate in the CQ 160M Contest with the W2GD Team.

October's speaker will be our own Ken Poole, KB1TYK, who will be discussing "High Speed Morse Interception in Germany during the Building of the Berlin Wall." Ken is a graduate of Natick High School Class of 1959, and holds the Bachelor of Architecture and Master of Architecture Degrees from the University of Illinois. A member of the Boston Society of Architects and the American Institute of Architects, he currently practices in Milford, MA and Jacksonville Beach, FL (when the snow falls). At the time covered by this discussion, Ken was a U.S. Army Tech Sergeant/SP5 058.39, stationed in Germany, at Fort Devens and at the US Army Security Agency Training Center. He will be providing an overview and historical prospective of the Cold War in Europe from 1959 to 1962 during the building of the Berlin Wall and the role played by the US Army Security Agency/National Security Agency in High Speed Morse Interception of the Soviet Union, DDR and other Soviet Satellite countries.

Also upcoming is the Boxborough Hamfest - 8-10 September. Information on this is available at <http://boxboro.org/2017/index.html> - the program is downloadable.

Before you know it, the ARRL Sweepstakes will be upon us. This year the dates are CW - 1st weekend in November (4-6), Phone - 3rd weekend in November (18-20). See <http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes> for details. Unless an individual has the space to support such an effort, we will have to suspend any club activity for this year; contact one of us on the board if you have the shack space and would like to help make this happen.

As I mentioned in my closing remarks from last season, FARA functions due to the involvement of our members. Whether its monthly meetings, supporting public events, or helping out with our Flea Market, these activities are not possible without the support and participation of our members. We will be having a board meeting in the near future to discuss and plan our activities for the coming year(s). Please consider attending.

## FARA Horizons

Sep 7:	FARA Meeting– Gerry Kersus, W1GD, "Top Band Contesting: Fun on 160m"
Sep 8-10:	Boxboro!
Sep 13:	VE Session
Oct 5:	FARA Meeting– Ken Poole, KB1TYK, "High Speed Morse Interception in Germany"
Nov 2:	FARA Meeting
Nov 8:	VE Session
Dec 7:	FARA Night Out (Tentative)

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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: FARA is actively looking for a new club station.

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