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Carbone's Restaurant, Rt 85, Hopkinton

Please RSVP to president@fara.org

President's Message

This month there will be no regular meeting; we'll be having a "FARA Night Out" instead. The date is 10 December (one week later than our normal meeting night). The time is 6:30. The location is Carbone's Restaurant (280 Cedar St (Rt 85), Hopkinton); the cost is \$15 per person including tax & gratuity (visit <http://carboneshopkinton.com/#11-dollars-50-cents-dinner-specials> to see the selections). Please R.S.V.P. by the 7th to president@FARA.org, so I can give an accurate head count to the restaurant.

November's guest, Dave Edwards, WB1S, discussed the considerations involved with selecting and using a power amplifier. As I mentioned last month, Dave has put a lot of thought into this subject over the years, and he was able to give a clear and concise explanation of the criteria for selection of an amplifier and the considerations for its use. I was very interested to see the information on the new NXP RF PA transistors - since fragility has been one of the issues with solid state amplifiers, it will be interesting to see which vendors adopt these for their new and upgraded products. The video Dave showed is available on youtube (NXP's Unbreakable LDMOS BLF578XR Power Transistor - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ziYqjMQGEQ>).

Also in November, we participated in the ARRL Sweepstakes as W1FY. Jim (W1EQW) and Sumner (W1VIV) took the lead - many thanks to them for doing so (check out the photo on the next page.) We had somewhat fewer QSOs than last year, though the band conditions seemed to be less good. In any case, everyone that participated had a good time. If there's interest, we can add other contests to our calendar.

FARA Horizons

- Dec 3: FARA Night Out-
Carbone's Restaurant, RT 85, Hopkinton
- Jan 7: Monthly Meeting- Dave Hoaglin, K1HT, "FT5ZM, Amsterdam Island, 2014 DXpedition"
- Feb 4: Monthly Meeting- Adrian Zeffert, AB2IX, "From Spark Gap to Arduino"
- Mar 3: Monthly Meeting
- Apr 6: Monthly Meeting
- Apr 10: FARA Flea Market, Keefe Tech

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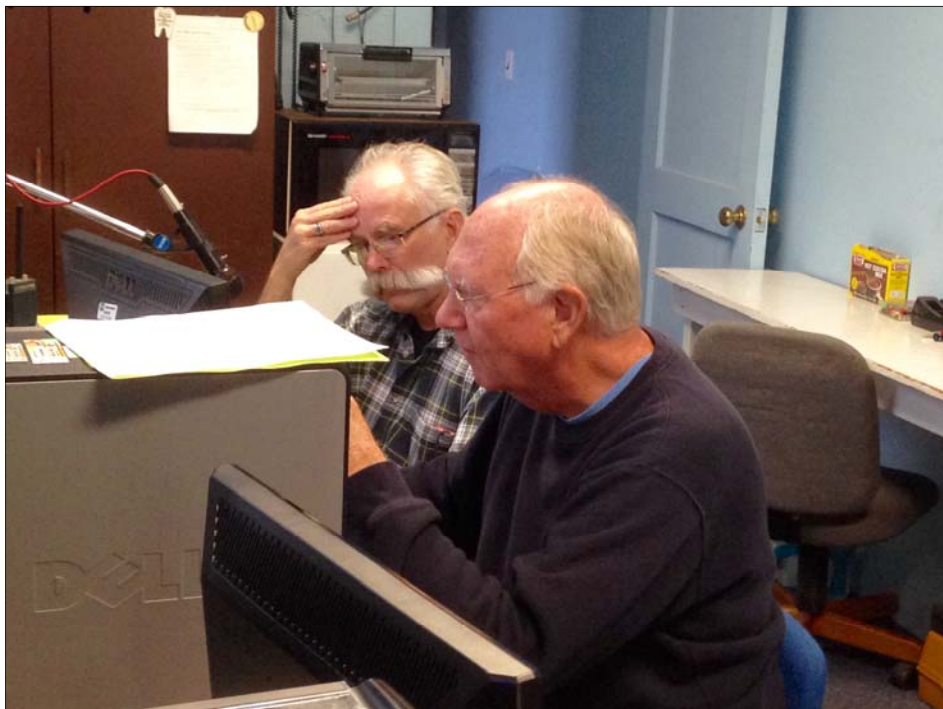
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ARRL Sweepstakes at FARA

Photo by Sumner, W1VIV

We just finished our second annual ARRL Sweepstakes SSB weekend at FARA. In the photo, Paul, N1VAM, is operating, and Jim, W1EQW is logging. A fun time was had by all, and we even worked W1RH, our former president in California.



Submitting Material to the Circuit

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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 9:00-12:00. Call the club number, 508-879-8097 to confirm.

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