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President's Message

Happy New Year folks! I hope everyone had a safe and satisfying holiday season.

It was nice seeing everyone that could attend the FARA Holiday Night Out! It was an enjoyable evening; we can do these more often if there is sufficient interest.

This month we'll be having our (nominally) annual "Show-and-Tell" (or show-and-ask, if you have any mystery items) and DXpedition video presentation. The date of the meeting will be 8 January - it seems unlikely that we would get much attendance on the 1st. As usual, we will be meeting in the Framingham Police Department Training Room.

As I mentioned last month, we participated in the ARRL 10 Meter Contest - we ended up with 215 QSOs (140 CW, 75 SSB), with 99 Multipliers (56 CW, 43 SSB), for a total score of 70,290. Once again, all who joined in had a good time and gained some useful contesting (and operating) experience. Thanks again to Sumner for organizing this activity. I expect we'll be participating in the ARRL International DX Contest in March - more details will follow.

As a result of circumstances beyond our control, FARA is in need of some members to elevate their level of activity in the club. We are in immediate need for a Flea Market Coordinator. Steve, KB1NIV, is available to help get someone started, but he probably will not be available for the event itself. There are other positions available as well, but this is the most immediate need. We will be holding Board Meetings to discuss this and other issues of relevance to the club on a couple of Tuesdays this month - the 6th and the 27th, at the shack. Please consider joining the board, where you can provide direction to the club you enjoy.

One more thing ... 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.

-Paul, N1VAM

FARA Horizons

Jan 8: Monthly Meeting

Jan 27: Board Meeting

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

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