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March 5

Becky Schoenfeld, W1BXY, Managing Editor of QST will talk about her entry into the hobby and the aspects of ham radio, coming from a non-technical background, that she has found interesting.

President's Message

This month's speaker is Becky Schoenfeld, W1BXY, who will be discussing what it means to be the Managing Editor of QST, her entry into the hobby and the aspects of ham radio that she, coming from a non-technical background, has found interesting and appealing. I met Becky at ARRL HQ, and again at the convention center, during the Centennial Festivities last year; she was also the presenter in the short film "ARRL at 100: A Century of Ham Radio" (still available online at: <http://youtu.be/JerSTUDqI7s>).

The following Wednesday (11 March) there will be a license exam session at the shack. Registration begins at 7:15, exams begin at 7:30.

Last month, Scott Andersen, NE1RD, discussed three separate, but related, topics - Traveling with radios, portable power, and dollars per QSO. The 1st subject focused on the selection of a radio for travel - specifically, power consumption - the differences between (presumably) comparable radios was astonishing. This led to a discussion of portable power options, the cost and weight associated with different batteries and various charging options. The final topic was one that many of us could appreciate, which was how does one balance the desire for a new/different gizmo (radio, antenna, tuner, ...) with the expected benefit this purchase would provide (Scott's target is \$1/QSO, so the question is, will the purchase of this \$___ item lead to a comparable number of QSOs). Due to somewhat less than ideal weather conditions, the turnout was rather light, but those who did attend were treated to a highly stimulating discussion.

We also had a short presentation by Mark Richards, K1MGY, concerning the reorganization of the amateur radio team for the Boston Marathon.

The flea Market is fast approaching - Sunday, 12 April, from 9AM to noon at Keefe Tech. Volunteers are always welcome.

Morse Code Classes

Want to learn Morse code, or CW as hams call it, then sign up for W1NXC's Morse code classes. CW is no longer required by the FCC but is wildly used by hams world wide. It needs less bandwidth than phone, is simpler to set up and has fewer equipment requirements.

The code classes will be held on three successive Saturdays at the club shack in the Danforth museum basement, Lexington St. Framingham from 9 am to noon. There is no fee, no text or equipment required, and there is ample parking in the library garage.

The dates are: Saturday April 11, 18, and 25, 2015. Registration preferred, email W1NXC at edaweiss@cs.com.

FARA Horizons

- Mar 5: Monthly Meeting
Apr 15: FARA Scholarship Application Due
Apr 11, 18, 25: Morse Code Classes at the club shack
Aug 21-23: Boxboro 2015 Convention

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FARA Scholarship Rules & Application

Requirements for FARA scholarship:

Open to any high school senior who will be attending college the next academic year or anyone currently enrolled in a college program.

Any applicant with an Amateur Radio license will receive preference. Non licensed relatives of FARA members will also receive consideration.

Membership in FARA is not required.

All applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2015. Contact Richard Cosma, AA1VI at rcosma@rcn.com for an application or more information.

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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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