

Framingham Circuit

March 2015

This month's speaker is Mike Egan, KB1WIQ, who will be discussing Software-Defined Radios. This is an area of amateur radio that has grown tremendously over the last few years, and includes commercial products as well as hobbyist opportunities.

The following Wednesday (9 March) there will be a license exam session at the shack - or perhaps an alternate venue. Registration begins at 7:15, exams begin at 7:30.

Last month, Adrian Zeffert, AB2IX, discussed the evolution of electronics in amateur radio - up to and including Arduino. It was interesting to see the many uses that the microcontroller could be employed, and the ease of doing so.

We recently had some interesting visitors to our radio club, from Ukraine. Yuri, UT1EE, and his daughter Leanna, UV5EEE, spent an interesting couple of hours with us on Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016. We hope to see them at future meetings.

The flea Market is fast approaching - Sunday, 10 April, from 9AM to noon at Keefe Tech. Volunteers are always welcome.

Upcoming events:

- 3 March - FARA Meeting – Mike Egan, KB1WIQ, Software-Defined Radios
- 9 March - VE Session, FARA Shack (or alternate location)
- 6 April - FARA Meeting ...
- 10 April - FARA Flea Market, Keefe Tech
- 29-30 April - NEAR-Fest, Deerfield, NH
- 5 May - No Meeting - Pizza Party instead
- 11 May - VE Session, FARA Shack
- 2 June - FARA Meeting ...
- 25-26 June - ARRL Field Day
- 13 July - VE Session, FARA Shack

Shack Visitors

Submitted by John, KB1VXY and Sumner, W1VIV



The picture is of Yuri UT1EE and his daughter UV5EEE. His wife, who came later with his daughter, is not in the picture and is not a ham. Yuri has participated in a Ukrainian Radio Club and was some type of building engineer. Yuri has been here only about 2 months, living in Natick. His daughter is a manager of a dental clinic in the Boston area. Before his daughter arrived, we communicated to some degree using Google translator, typing questions in English and letting him read the answer in Russian. Since we have an English keyboard, he could not type back the answers so we had to use lots of yes/no type questions.