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President's Message

Hello.

This month's speaker will be Dave Edwards, WB1S, who will be discussing the considerations involved with amplifier selection and use. Dave has put a lot of thought into this subject over the years, so all who are considering going QRO should come and learn from this presentation.

Coming up on the weekend of the 22nd-23rd is the ARRL Sweepstakes; once again, we will be participating in as a club. The shack will open at 9:00 on Saturday, as usual, but the contest doesn't officially begin until 4:00. Last year we got to get members involved in HF operating, contesting and logging. It was a good time. I encourage all to (at least) stop by for a while.

October's guest, Fred Kemmerer, AB1OC, gave a very interesting presentation on mobile HF operation. Though his installation is clearly on the deluxe end of the scale, he made many excellent points that are applicable to less ambitious mobile stations. Those who are interested in such an undertaking should visit Fred's website (<https://stationproject.wordpress.com/?s=Mobile+HF&submit=Search> - lists the blog entries on this subject) and also that of Alan Applegate, K0BG (<http://www.k0bg.com/>), which he mentioned during his presentation.

As I mentioned last month, in lieu of our regular monthly meeting in December, we'll be having a "FARA Night Out". This is tentatively scheduled to be held at the British Beer Company in Framingham on 3 December (our regular meeting night) at 6:30 PM. The date, time and location will be confirmed next month.

Jamboree on the Air

By Sumner, W1VIV

On Sunday, Oct. 18th, our radio club entertained Troop 54 of Brookline for an annual JOTA (Jamboree on the Air) event. This is the second year that this troop of Boy Scouts visited FARA. The object is to allow these scouts to talk to other Boy Scout groups around the world. On 2 meters, they talked to KC1CAR and W1OCJ on the Paxton repeater. On 20 meter SSB, they talked to some ex-scouts. The big event of the day was on Echolink, where we went on JOTA-365 and they talked to a group of scouts in HK-land, the country of Colombia in South America. They also were able to contact some American scouts on Echolink. A fine time was had by all. Operators at FARA were Sumner, W1VIV and John, KB1VXY.

FARA Horizons

- Nov 5: Monthly Meeting- David Edwards, WB1S, "Amplifier Selection and Use"
- Nov 21-22: ARRL Phone Sweepstakes (at the shack)
- Dec 3: FARA Night Out- British Beer Company in Framingham (tentative - to be confirmed next month)
- Jan 7: Monthly Meeting- Dave Hoaglin, K1HT, "FT5ZM, Amsterdam Island, 2014 DXpedition"
- Feb 4: Monthly Meeting- Adrian Zeffert, AB2IX, "From Spark Gap to Arduino"

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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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