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President's Message

Hello.

This month's speaker will be Fred Kemmerer, AB1OC, who will be discussing "Building and Operating a Mobile HF Station." Fred and Anita, AB1QB, joined us a several years ago to discuss their Bora Bora DXpedition. This should be another interesting presentation. Incidentally, Fred & Anita have a blog where they discuss their various amateur radio experiences - <http://stationproject.wordpress.com> - check it out. As usual, we will be meeting in the Framingham Police Department Training Room.

Coming up later in the month is NEAR-Fest, 16-17 October, in Deerfield, NH. General admission is only \$5; see <http://www.near-fest.com:8084/nearfest/> for more information.

Also later this month (on the 27th) we'll be having a board meeting - 7:00, at the shack. We have several items to resolve that will determine the future direction of the club. I encourage any who are interested to attend.

Another upcoming activity is the ARRL Sweepstakes in November. As was the case last year, we will be operating as a "Multioperator, Single Transmitter, Low Power" station, keeping it low pressure, with the objective of getting more of our members to do some contest operating and to build their familiarity with the logging and spotting software. The phone contest is the 3rd full weekend in November (21-23, this year) from 2100 UTC on Saturday (4:00 PM EST) to 0259 UTC on Monday (9:59 PM EST, Sunday), of which an entrant may operate no more than 24 hours - full rules are available at the ARRL website (<http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes>). Between now and then, we will be getting the station ready for this - ensuring that the radios and antennas are working correctly, updating (if necessary) the logging software on the PC, and doing some house-keeping. All interested members should stop by on a Saturday in the meantime to begin their familiarization with the club station.

As has been the case for the last few years, we will not be holding a regular meeting in December; we'll be having a "FARA Night Out" instead. Details will be forthcoming.


Congratulations to our members who have upgraded their licenses. We have exam sessions the second Wednesday of each odd-numbered month in the front room of the shack. Contact Jim, W1EQW, our Test Director (testing@fara.org) if you're ready to upgrade your operating privileges

FARA Horizons

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| Oct 1: | Monthly Meeting |
| Oct 16-17: | NEAR-Fest in Deerfield, NH |
| Oct 18: | Jamboree on the Air (2-5pm at the shack) |
| Oct 27: | Board Meeting |
| Nov 5: | Monthly Meeting- David Edwards, WB1S, "Amplifier Selection and Use" |
| Nov 21-22: | ARRL Phone Sweepstakes (at the shack) |
| Dec (TBD): | FARA Night Out |
| 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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FARA Scholarship

Submitted by Richard Cosma, AA1VI

FARA received the following note from our latest scholarship winner.

Dear Mr. Cosma,
Thank you so much for the scholarship money. It has helped me to attend the University of Maine Farmington. Classes start later this week and I am very excited.
Sincerely,
Gail Bello

Submitting Material to the Circuit

Material may be submitted for publication by sending it directly to the editor. This can be done by US Mail, or via the Internet (preferred). The deadline for each issue is the **Wednesday**, one week before the monthly 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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