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## Thursday, Dec 8 This Month's Meeting

Pizza Party and then a tour of the WCVB studios courtesy of Rick Zach. Right now over 50 people have signed up let Gordy know if you would like to attend.

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## President's Message

Happy Holidays to all! I trust that everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving.

We had quite a turnout (around 35 people) for Bill, KA1MOM's talk on radio astronomy. Real fascinating stuff, and we learned that it doesn't have to cost much to get started. Also, thanks to those who contributed to the ARRL toy drive. Our toys arrived safe and sound at the distribution center. You can still make a financial contribution if you have not donated a toy. See the ARRL website for details.

Our Sunday evening net is picking up steam! We had 14 checkins recently! Please join in and make a brief transmission to the round table. The more the merrier! Also, I would like to recognize our EC Victor, K1VEA, James, KB1LOY and Ralph, N1LAH for getting involved with emergency communications and public service. Yet another testament to the enthusiasm of our membership is in response to the December 8 pizza party and tour of the WCVB studios. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THIS IS OUR DECEMBER MEETING AND THERE WILL NOT BE A MEETING AT THE SHACK ON DECEMBER 1ST. WE WILL MEET AT THE WCVB STUDIOS IN NEEDHAM. THE EVENT WILL BEGIN AT 7:30 PM!

If you have not yet emailed me and would like to attend, please let me know how many in your party and I will include you. We are requesting a VOLUNTARY contribution of \$5 per person to defray the cost of pizza, soda, etc.

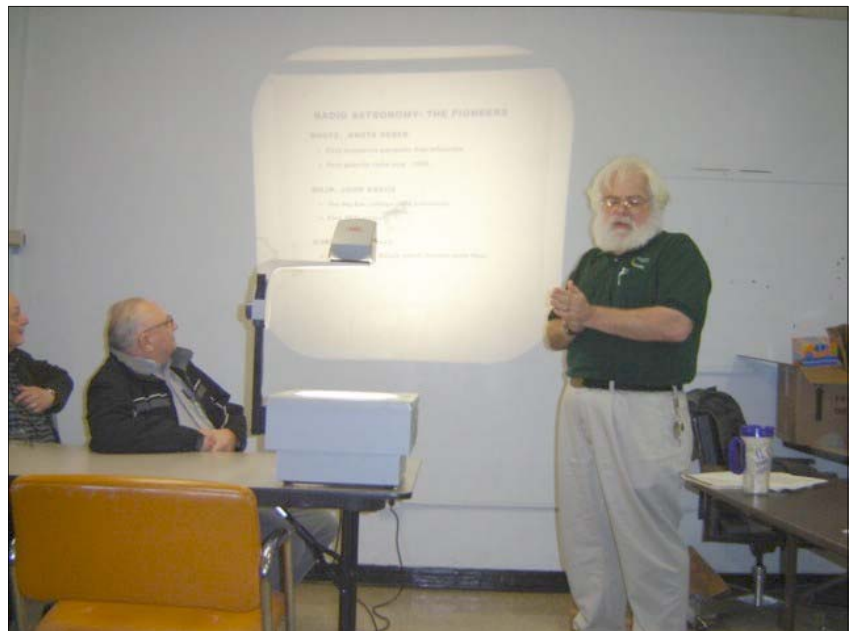
Finally, please remember that the FARA spring flea market will be on March 26. If we have anywhere the response for helping hands as we've had for the WCVB night, then the flea market will be a huge success!

73 and Happy Holidays!

Gordy K1GB

## You Missed It!

Bill McIninch, KA1MOM talked about ham radio astronomy at the November meeting.



## Upcoming FARA Meetings

Contact Gordy, K1GB if you have any meeting ideas.

January:

Show and Tell

February:

Eastern Mass. Section Manager Mike Neilson, W1MPN

March:

ARRL Media and Public Relations Manger Allen Pitts, W1AGP

April:

Pizza Party

May:

Open

June:

Dave Bernstein, AA6YQS

## For Sale

All proceeds to benefit the club scholarship fund. Contact Gordy, K1GB. Donated by Dick, WA1HRV

Heathkit dummy load

2 Rohn 25 Sections, 1 top section

Ham II rotor and control box

50 feet Beldon 8214 coax

Cushcraft A4

## Sunday Night Net Control Schedule

W1VIV 12/11 1/22

W1NXC 12/18 1/29

K1GB 12/25 2/5

W1NAU 1/1 2/1

WA1R 1/8

W1EQW 1/15

# License in a Weekend

## March 17, 18, 19

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Annual membership dues are as follows: (Make checks payable to FARA)

Regular FARA \$15

Student / Retired \$10


Repeater (voluntary) \$10

### FARA Horizons

Dec 8: Club Meeting  
 Dec 26: Board Meeting  
 March 17-19: License in a Weekend  
 March 26: Flea Market

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- Meeting: Club meetings are normally held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30PM in the basement of the Danforth Museum, on Lexington St.
- 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 8:30-12:00. Call the club number, 879-8097 to confirm.
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