

The Framingham Circuit

Newsletter of the Framingham Amateur Radio Association

October 2006, Vol. 73, No. 10

In This Issue

President's Message

Repeater Guide

Page 2-

All FARA Members Get Badges

Extra "Crash" Course

Sunday Net Control Schedule

Upcoming Meetings and Events

FARA Horizons

and more...

Thursday, Oct 5 This Month's Meeting

Bill Ohm, W1OHM will give a presentation on DXing and contesting.

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.

by mail

Robert Hess, N1UVA
1175 Farmington Ave 3-204
Bristol, CT
06010

by internet

circuit@fara.org

President's Message

What a stupendous turnout at our first meeting last month! Eric, K1NUN's talk on QRP was excellent. He gave us a historical perspective on QRP, and passed around some of the gear used in this aspect of our hobby. It is truly amazing what one can do with less than five watts! Challenge and skill are the foundations of QRP!

Our booth at the Emergency Expo last month was indeed a huge success. I wish to thank everyone who participated, especially James, KB1LOY who is our liaison to the scouts. Ed, W1NXC's code test had the kids waiting in line with anticipation! We also had many adults asking questions about ham radio in general and we talked up the EMCOMM end of our hobby. Our next goal is to have the scouts come to the shack for JOTA on Oct 21, and offer them free admission to our license in a weekend course.

FARA night out is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 14 at Fireflies in Marlborough. As of this writing the list of attendees is rather small. Please email me ASAP if you wish to attend. I would like to have enough people to make it worthwhile.

Our October 5 meeting will feature Bill Ohm, W1OHM, who will give us a presentation on DXing and contesting. Let's have another fantastic turnout for this one!

Gordy K1GB

Repeater Guide

By Ed, W1NXC

Now that fall is here and the FARA repeaters are becoming more active, here are some helpful hints on proper usage. Most of these can be found in the ARRL repeater guide but we present here a few simple *Do's and Don'ts* for both newcomers and so-called veteran repeaters users, along the lines of basic Ham courtesy and friendliness.

Do's

Listen before transmitting-you may inadvertently interrupt a QSO in progress

Identify your station clearly and distinctly

Remember that the repeater signals can be heard by many people, not just the other person you are talking with, non-Hams with scanners for example.

Give honest/realistic signal reports-if the other station is noisy or weak, say so!

Don'ts

Don't over-identify, FCC rules only require you to identify at the end of your transmission and at each 10 minute interval. There is no requirement to identify the other station or to ID your station at the beginning of the transmission. Don't confuse the end of transmission requirement with the end of your conversation-back and forth call signs by each station is not necessary for normal communication. Note that some operators DO identify the other station, which allows others to know who is involved in the QSO. This is quite legal but again not required by the Rules.

NOTE

It is always a good idea to keep transmissions short, so that other operators can use the repeaters. A brief pause before transmitting lessens the possibility what someone with an emergency would be prevented from calling for help.

A final reminder: Neither of the FARA repeaters has a time-out, so keep it short!

All FARA Members Get Badges

By Sumner, W1VIV

All paid-up members of FARA are entitled to a clip-on plastic-laminated badge at no charge. It has your call letters and first name on it, along with the FARA logo. If you do not have a badge and would like one, send Sumner, W1VIV, an e-mail and let him know, at w1viv@arrl.net.

You can pick up your badges at the FARA shack on meeting night. Many are there now, waiting for pickup.

Extra "Crash" Course

By Ed, W1NXC

Want to move up to EXTRA ? Mark Oct 28, and Nov 4 and show up at the Club shack on Saturday am 9-12 noon. W1NXC will be on Hand to guide you thru the tricky questions. And answers to the Extra exam. There is no Fee or text required-just show up. If you pay attention, you may just be ready to take the Exam which will be given at the Club shack on Wednesday evening, Nov 8, at 7:30 pm.

Sunday Net Control Schedule

W1NXC	10/8	11/19	12/31
K1GB	10/15	11/26	----
WA1HAM	10/22	12/3	----
WA1R	10/29	12/10	
W1EQW	11/5	12/17	
W1VIV	11/12	12/24	

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Oct: Bill Ohm, W1OHM on DXing and contesting
- Oct. 14: FARA Night Out!
- Nov: Rich Kumf, WF1V on Digital Modes
- Nov 8: FARA VE session
- Dec: Ernie Bauer, N1AEW on AMSAT and Amateur Satellites
- Jan: Show and Tell Night and First Annual FARA QLF CONTEST!
- Feb: Sumner, W1VIV, on using EBAY to sell ham gear.
- March: Ray Bintliff, W1RY on antique radio
- April 1: FARA Spring Flea Market
- April: Pizza party following the Flea Market.
- May: Rick Cantin, AA1TI Field Day presentation
- June: Open

**READ THE CIRCUIT ONLINE...
SAVES PAPER AND POSTAGE**

Now available as an Adobe Acrobat file
email fara@fara.org and we'll set you up!

FARA Email Reflector

If you have email and aren't signed up for the FARA email reflector, you're missing out on the last-minute news and updates. To sign up, send an email to Sharon at kc1yr@kc1yr.com requesting her to add you to the reflector.

Shopping Online?

Use fara.org/amazon and help out the club. FARA receives a small percentage of your order.

Membership Dues

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


- Regular FARA \$15
- Student / Retired \$10
- Repeater (voluntary) \$10

FARA Horizons

- Oct 5: Club Meeting
- Oct 14: FARA Night Out!
- Oct 23: Board Meeting

This month's Circuit sponsored by:

WORLDWIDE DISTRIBUTION



Peter Cantara
Assistant Manager
KI1M

224 N. Broadway, Salem, NH 03079
(603) 898-3750, 1-800-444-0047
Fax (603) 898-1041
email: ki1m@hamradio.com

ANAHEIM, CA • ATLANTA, GA • BURBANK, CA • DENVER, CO
NEW CASTLE, DE • OAKLAND, CA • PHOENIX, AZ • PORTLAND, OR
SALEM, NH • SAN DIEGO, CA • SUNNYVALE, CA • WOODBRIDGE, VA

First Class Postage

Post Office
Will Not
Deliver
Without
Proper
Postage

Framingham Amateur Radio Association
PO Box 3005
Framingham, MA 01705

Club Information 2006

President	Gordy Bello	K1GB	781-891-5572	president@fara.org
Vice President	Leo Cantin	WAIHAM	508-877-3319	vp@fara.org
Secretary	Tom Malloy	N1FTB	508-655-0392	secretary@fara.org
Treasurer	Peter Simpson	KA1AXY	508-429-7069	treasurer@fara.org
Director	Bev Lees	N1LOO	508-626-2012	director@fara.org
Director of Training	Ed Weiss	W1NXC	508-881-2301	
Director of Testing	Jim Weckback	W1EQW	508-435-6487	testing@fara.org
Publicity Coordinators	Sharon Gartenberg	KC1YR	508-877-6692	
Emergency Coordinator	Victor Anderson	K1VEA	508-877-8299	
Activities Director	Gordy Bello	K1GB	781-891-5572	vp@fara.org
Scholarship Comm. Ch.	Dick Cosma	KD1BF	508-877-8241	scholarships@fara.org
Public Service Coordinators	Bev Lees	N1LOO	508-626-2012	
	Jim Weckback	W1EQW	508-435-6487	
Newsletter Editor	Robert Hess	N1UVA	508-435-2055	circuit@fara.org
Webmaster	Sharon Gartenberg	KC1YR	508-877-6692	webmaster@fara.org

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.

Club Web Site: <http://www.fara.org>