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President's Message

Happy New Year, FARA members! I hope that you all had a wonderful and fun holiday season. It certainly has been an exciting past month for FARA and Ham Radio in general. Ernie Bauer's N1AEW talk about Ham satellites was impressive. We had the first of our free raffles and we approved the purchase of a new laptop projector for speakers' presentations as well as for our own use. James, KB1LOY, our scouting liaison, went to the Knox Trail Council and got us on their website! It is our hope that some scouts come Kid's day on January 7, and will attend License in a Weekend. If you know of any scouts (boy or girl) who would like to attend, contact Ed, W1NXC as we have several FREE seats available to scouts!

On a larger scale, both the Omnibus and the No Code requirement for testing Report and Orders have been released by the FCC. The Omnibus will grant us more voice space on HF, and the no code testing will bring new people into the hobby. It is our obligation to welcome these prospective hams into the hobby, and educate them in proper operating procedure and electronic theory, no matter what side of the code/no code issue you are on.

Our meeting this month will be our annual show and tell night. We have had some great entries in the past, so please bring in ANYTHING even remotely related to ham radio or electronics in general. As part of this, Ed, W1NXC, will give a short history about Morse and telegraphy with a demonstration of a sounder and key. See if you can copy the key clicks! This will tie in with our QLF contest. For those of you who don't know, QLF means sending code with one's left foot! Thanks to the efforts of Sumner, W1VIV, and Ed, W1NXC we have the QLF "key" and oscillator rarin' to go! There will be certificates for all who participate, and prizes for the top two QLF'ers!

Start the New Year right by attending the first meeting of 2007 on Jan. 4!

73, Gordy K1GB

FARA Scholarship 2007

Must be a FARA member and a licensed Ham Radio operator.

The must have been active member of FARA.

The dead line for submitting applications is April 15, 2007.

Preference will be given to graduating high school seniors.

For an application contact Richard Cosma AA1VI at 508 877 8241.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Jan: Show and Tell Night and FIRST ANNUAL FARA QLF CONTEST!

Jan 7: Kid's Day

Jan 10: FARA VE session

Feb: Sumner, W1VIV, on using EBAY to sell ham gear.

March: Ray Bintliff, W1RY on antique radio

March 16, 17, 18: LICENSE IN A WEEKEND!

April 1: FARA Spring Flea Market at Keefe Tech

April: Pizza party following the Flea Market.

May: Rick Cantin, AA1TI Field Day presentation

June: Open

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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.

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