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President's Message

Hello FARA members! It was great seeing many of you at our September meeting! The attendance was OK (20 people) but we can do much better! Hopefully it was just a case of people still on vacation and enjoying the last vestiges of summer. Make me go crazy searching for more chairs at our October 4 meeting!

Have you thought of a logo for our 75th anniversary? I know that we have many creative members in FARA. We will have a panel of judges and prizes will be awarded. Greg, W1TDF has submitted one which is super!

We also revealed FARA's EMCOMM reimbursement program. This is your opportunity to take the ARRL on line EMCOMM course for free! When you have successfully completed the course, the club will reimburse you for the tuition. Already passed Level 1? You can take Level 2 and be reimbursed for that!

Plans are currently underway for JOTA in October. The Wellesley Cub Scouts have contacted us, and James, KB1LOY, will be approaching the Framingham Scouts. More details later as plans become more defined.

Our speaker for our October meeting is noted microwave expert Paul Wade, W1GHZ. The title of his presentation is "Microwaves....not just for popcorn!" Check out his website at www.w1ghz.org. See you all then!

75th Anniversary Logo Entry



Thursday, Oct 4 This Month's Meeting

Paul Wade, W1GHZ will give a presentation: Microwaves....not just for popcorn!

With a call like that he should know what he's talking about!!!

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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This FARA 75th Anniversary logo was submitted by Greg, W1TDF. You too can make an entry and win a prize, so get those creative juices flowing!

The club has just purchased the latest copy of the ARRL Antenna book for use by members. It's a great reference book and source for antenna information.

160 meter G5RV antenna, to be given to a good home free. This is a W1DL special that I converted from 80 meters to 160 meters, and it has worked well. Length is 204 feet. Will load on all bands from 160 through 10 meters, not including the WARC bands. Contact W1VIV@arrl.net.

Learn about more Ham Radio by checking in every week to the FARA Sunday Night Net on 147.15 MHz at 7:30 local time. Listen for the Sunday Night Ham Radio Question of the Week. Can you come up with the right answer? Here's your chance to show your ham radio knowledge.

Last Call!

Sign up now for W1NXC's Crash Course

For the General License! Get ready for the VE session November 14, 2007.

Schedule: Sat 9am-12 noon
Oct 20, Oct 27, 2007

Location: Club shack-No fee-All welcome

September Meeting

Photo by Lowell, KB1FHJ

Sunday Night FARA Net Control Schedule 2007

W1EQW	10/7	11/18	12/30
W1VIV	10/21	11/25	
W1NXC	10/14	12/2	
K1GB	10/28	12/9	
WA1HAM	11/4	12/16	
WA1R	11/11	12/23	



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

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Minutes of the September 6, 2007

General Meeting

President Gordy Bello K1GB opened the meeting about 7:30. 20 members were present and signed in.

Among the attendees we were pleased to see Steve Rosenthal AA1IZ, back from China.

Tom N1FTB Previous Meeting: -- -

- At the General meeting of June 7, 2007, 27 members signed in. At that meeting Gordy introduced Richard Walcek, the Scholarship Committee, Chairman from FHS, who introduced Benjamin Bradley, the recipient of the \$1000 FARA Scholarship. Benjamin thanked us for the Scholarship, and told us he would attend Wentworth Institute this year to study Civil Engineering. A Certificate of recognition was awarded to Sharon KC1YR for her 10 years service as Publicity Director, and Webmaster. Steve Ostrovitz KB1OCI has accepted the position of EC. Joe Weisse W1HAI has accepted the position of Publicity Director. Ed Weiss W1NXC asked for a show of hands, which carried, to reelect the entire board of FARA officers, nominated in May, for another term. The speaker, Ray Bintlif W1RY, gave us an overview of antique radios, rare and col-

lectable.

Gordy K1GB: -- -- Opened the current meeting with introductions all around and a review of future speakers and events, including the following that will take place in the next few months.

Sep. 12 VE Session

Oct. 04 Paul Wade W1GHZ on Microwaves

Nov.01 Art Greenberg K1GBX, new Eastern MA Section Mgr.

Nov.14 VE Session

Peter: KA1AXY: -- -- The Treasury has about \$5,000. Work on the 2m repeater is ongoing, with the help of Tom Kinnehan N1CPE. More testing is needed. The duplexers are tuned, and seem to be okay, but the final is not working. Its power out is only about 1/2 watt into the feed line, which has been replaced with a new cable. The Rx line has also been replaced, but not the isolator. Some members have recently had problems with the reflector, but it is now working again. Peter also mentioned that Bill Smith KE1GF, Hopkinton has ham gear for sale. His phone is (508) 435-4048

Other Business: -- -- Gordy mentioned that FARA, in support of EM-

COM, will reimburse the cost to any FARA member who passes the on-line level 1 EMCOM course. He also announced there is a contest to design a T-shirt logo for the FARA 75th anniversary next June, and that there will be a prize for the winner. Leo mentioned that said logo must include, at a minimum, the number 75.

Ed: W1NXC: -- -- circulated a sign-up sheet for upcoming General and Extra upgrade crash courses planned for September and October respectively.

Speaker: Phil Temples, our Eastern MA Handihams Coordinator, gave a fine talk about the Handiham organization in which he has been active for a number of years. Phil had with him a video, which showed a number of hams, that, despite their disabilities, were able to pass the FCC exams and get their licenses. And those licenses are very important to them, especially as it gives them the opportunity to communicate with people around the country and the world. And because many of them have limited mobility, that license affords them the opportunity for an extended social life that would be difficult or impossible without ham radio.


Submitted by Tom Malloy N1FTB, FARA Secretary

FARA Horizons

- Oct: Paul Wade, W1GHZ on Microwaves
- Nov: Rich Crisafulli, AB1HD on PSK 31
VE Session Nov. 14
- Dec: Rick Zach, K1RJZ on 6 meter repeater network in NH and MA
- Jan: Show and Tell Night/QLF Contest
- Feb: Bill Ricker, N1VUX on VHF propagation
- March: Mark Rubin, WB1ARZ and John Ruggerio, N2YHK from W.E.C.T (Worcester Emergency Communications Team).
- April: Scott Anderson, NE1RD on "The 100 pound DXpedition"
Flea Market April 6!
- May: Pizza Party after Flea Market
- June: TBD/FARA 75th Anniversary Bash! Field Day

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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>