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President's Message

Hi gang: By the time you read this, there will be less than two weeks until our 75th Anniversary Celebration! I hope to see you all there!

As this is the last Circuit of the season, I wish to thank everyone in FARA; officers, support staff and members who continue to keep the club active and involved. Special kudos go to Robert Hess, N1UVA for his continuing and indispensable role publishing the Circuit. Robert lives out of state and doesn't get to club meetings, but without his invaluable services you would not be aware of what's happening at FARA. THANK YOU ROBERT!

Our final meeting for this season is June 5. Our speaker is Tom Carrigan, NE1R, who has an excellent presentation on the Red Cross Emergency Communications Van. I have been told that this is a great talk and not to be missed! Tom is extremely active in the Red Cross and EMCOMM and you can learn more about him by looking up him up on QRZ.COM.

In case you were wondering, yes, there will be a Field Day, similar to what we had last year at Hopkinton State Park. More details will be forthcoming. Also, don't forget about the biannual Boxboro hamfest on August 23-25. Go to www.boxboro.org for more information and advance registration.

We are currently working on next year's programs. If you have any ideas or suggestions for club activities, please let me or any officer know. FARA is YOUR organization, and you get out of it what you put into it!

Have a fun and safe summer, FARA nation!

73, Gordy K1GB

QTH For Sale

By Dave, WA6ILT

Our QTH in Shrewsbury is up for sale. We're relocating to Holden once the house sells. The house has an excellent shack/home office (go to QRZ.com and search my call-the QSL is a picture of the shack). There's a very well installed (ask Martin!) US Tower 38 ft. crank down, fold over in the back yard that will stay if you want it. Go to this address: <http://www.bjheisler.com/> and do a MLS search to see more pictures. The house (85 Lake St.) is a 3br/2ba split on a corner lot and the list price is \$359,900.

Thursday, June 5 This Month's Meeting


Tom Carrigan, NE1R will talk about the Red Cross Emergency Communications Van.

FARA Horizons

- June 5: Tom Carrigan, NE1R on the Red Cross Emergency Communications Vehicle.
- June 14: FARA 75th Anniversary Party at Marlborough Courtyard Marriot Hotel
- June 28: Field Day
- July 9: VE Session
- Aug 22-24: ARRL New England Convention, Boxboro
- Sept 4: FARA Monthly Meeting. Dan Brown, W1DAN speaking on digital TV.

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Announcing the ARRL New England Division Convention

The 2008 edition of the ARRL New England Division Convention, fondly known as **Boxboro**, will be held August 22 - 24, 2008. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

A great program is being planned. We are pleased to announce that the ARRL First Vice President **Kay Craigie**, N3KN will be in attendance. Here is your opportunity to meet Kay first hand at the ARRL Forums. She will be our guest of honor and keynote speaker at the Saturday evening banquet. Order your banquet tickets early as the seating is limited!

We are also pleased to announce the return of QCWA President, **John Johnston** W3BE. John brings his 27 years of regulatory work with the FCC to bear in his ever popular talk "What the Rules Say".

The EMCOMM folks have been hard at work putting together a great line up with the support of the ARRL Emergency Preparedness and Response Manager, **Dennis Dura** K2DCD, Deputy Chief Army MARS **Jim Griffin** AAA9B and Chief of Army MARS Operations, **Grant Hays** AAA9O. We welcome their attendance.

The Special Event station **W1A** will be in operation. This is a good opportunity to operate the top shelf amateur radio equipment the industry has to offer and have fun while doing it!

Wouff Hong is back! We are glad to have them and you are not going to believe who they have tapped for the "Old Man". This is a must attend event!

The "**Call for Presenters**" remains open. Please contact WO1N if you have an Amateur Radio related presentation or represent an organization that would like to reach out to a large population of active Hams.

New to our committee this year is Prize Chairman, Mike Crestohl, W1RC. He's already lined up the new **Elecraft K3** for the top prize for some lucky ham.

Flea Market pricing has been restructured with the goal of improving the Sunday turnout.

Volunteers are also welcome to help with event planning and execution.

The latest updates, online ticketing and general information can be found at <http://www.boxboro.org>

The Boxboro Holiday Inn, located at the junction of Routes 111 and 495 in Massachusetts, will again open its doors to the Amateur Radio community with its spacious parking and comfortable accommodations. Hotel information is available through the Boxboro.org website. Room rates are reduced for this year, be sure to ask for the "Boxboro Ham Radio Convention Rate" when making your reservations.

We hope to see you there!

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EVERYONE IS INVITED

**SAVE
THE
DATE
JUNE 14**



**GRAND
PRIZE
A 19"
LCD HDTV**

Anniversary Celebration

The Framingham Amateur Radio Association was founded in 1933, and this year we are celebrating our 75th Anniversary.

**Come join us at the
Marriott Courtyard in Marlborough
on Saturday June 14, at 6:00 PM**

**There will be music and fine dining,
door prizes, and a 19" HDTV Grand Prize.
The meal is buffet style, so everyone gets
what they like best, and lots of it.**

**Directions: The Marriott Courtyard is at
75 Felton St. Marlborough MA 01752
From Rt. 495, take Exit 24B (Rt. 20 West).
The Marriott sign is visible as you exit.**

<p>Ticket Info Greg Andrews 508 877-7115 (Before 9:00 pm) andrews.greg@gmail.com</p> <p>Tickets \$30 each Purchase by May 31</p>	<p>For tickets, send this form and a check (Payable to FARA) by May 31 to Greg Andrews W1TDF, 32 Springhill Rd. Framingham, MA 01701 Enclosed is a check (payable to FARA) for \$_____For__Tickets Name_____Call Sign_____ Address_____ City_____State_____Zip_____ Phone (_____)_____Email_____</p>
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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>