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Dan Brown, W1DAN from WBZ/WSBK (and president of the Wellesley Amateur Radio Society) will be giving a presentation on digital TV. Come learn about the big change happening in February and how it will affect you.

See the next page for info about the new meeting location

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President's Message

Hi everyone and welcome back to yet another great season at FARA! We have a fantastic lineup of programs and activities planned, (listed in this Circuit) so be a part of it!

You probably know by now that our meeting area at Danforth will be under construction to become the teen center of the Boys and Girls Club. During this interim period, we will be meeting until further notice, at the Framingham Police Station. This is located on 1 William Welch Way which is off of Union Avenue in downtown Framingham. Once the construction has been completed, we will return to our location at Danforth which will be refurbished with a cleaner and brighter look and feel.

I am extremely excited to be involved with the Boys and Girls Clubs and have told their Vice President of Operations, Chris Duane, how we will be supporting them through a yearly monetary contribution and offer free tuition to the kids for License in a Weekend as well as invite them to the shack for Kids Day on the Air. Who knows, maybe we will infuse some much needed young blood into the hobby!

Another topic of great discussion this summer was the possible linking of the two meter and 440 repeaters. It appears that many members are in favor of it and feel that this will stimulate more activity on the repeaters due to better coverage. This response is good, but actions do speak louder than words, so we need YOUR help to make it happen. If you are the technical type and would like to serve on a committee to work on this, please let me know. Without a committee and a plan this will die, so please consider giving your time and expertise. I would like to thank Gene, K1NR, for being the first to step up to the plate for this project!

Our first meeting of the season will be Thursday, Sept. 4. Our speaker will be Dan Brown, W1DAN who will give us a presentation on digital TV. As you know, starting in February, all TV stations must transmit in digital so it would be great to be informed about it. Dan is an engineer at WBZ and WSBK so he knows what he is talking about!

If nothing else, come to the meeting to reacquaint yourself with your fellow FARA members you haven't seen since last season.

Make the commitment to come to the monthly meetings...it's not a big one and it sure beats sitting at home!

73, Gordy, K1GB

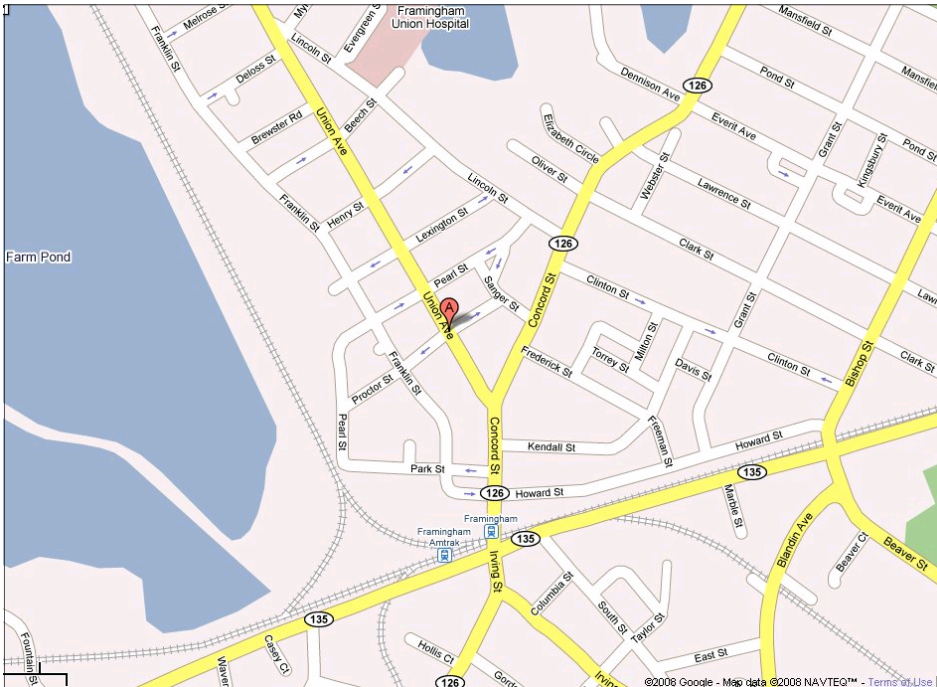
75th Anniversary Party



Many past and present FARA members turned out for the 75th Anniversary Party in June.

Meeting Location

Due to construction at the Danforth the monthly meeting has been moved to the Framingham Police Station at 1 William Welch Way. When coming to the meeting, enter via the front entrance of the police station. Sign in at the guard shack and tell them you are there for the radio club meeting. The meeting is in the training room which is off to the left.



Move up to HF! Come to FARA's Fall

"Crash" classes for the General License. No fee no text required

Dates: Oct 18, and 25, 2008

9 to noon


At club location downtown Framingham

FARA Horizons

- Sept 4: (Meeting) Dan Brown, WIDAN on Digital TV
- Sept 10: VE Session
- Oct 2: (Meeting) Jim Hanson, WITRC on Tracking Power Line noise
- Nov 6: Rob Macedo, KD1CY on the National Hurricane Center and Hurricane Conference
- Dec 4: Greg Algieri, WA1JXR on Antenna Analyzers
- Dec 14: FARA Holiday Brunch at Marlborough Marriot

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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>