

# The Framingham Circuit



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## Thursday, Dec 4 This Month's Meeting

Greg Algieri, WA1JXR will talk on antenna analyzers.

## President's Message

Happy Holidays everyone! It was nice seeing those of you who attended Rob Macedo, KD1CY's talk on the National Hurricane Center last month. Not to sound like a broken record, but those of you who didn't come certainly missed an excellent presentation as Rob's enthusiasm for EMCOMM is contagious! As our VP Leo, WA1HAM mentioned in his follow up email, there were a lot of unoccupied seats at the meeting and we cannot understand why. We are doing our best to offer programming which we feel would appeal to the membership at large; the more people who attend, the greater the camaraderie and the more enjoyable the evening. If you have any ideas for future speakers or programs, please let us know.

A lot has been happening at FARA these days. I would like to commend Eric, KB1PJN and Roger, WA1NVC for their dedicated work on the repeater linking and IRLP project. They expect to have the linking completed soon and will tackle the IRLP portion next. They also installed the new power supply in the 440 repeater as well to save FARA money on the electric bill. The first FARA Holiday Breakfast is approaching. Cost is \$20 per person and all friends and family members are invited. The deadline for tickets is December 14. See the flyer attached to this Circuit or email me if you need one. We only need 20 people to run this event, and I know we can do that!

Our next general meeting is Dec. 4 and our speaker will be Greg Algieri, WA1JXR on antenna analyzers. Greg comes highly recommended to me, and, in fact, we may have members from the PART (Police Amateur Radio Team) club of Westford joining us as they have previously heard Greg speak at their club on other topics.

And, while you're at the meeting, you can pay your dues to our illustrious treasurer Tom, N1FTB. If you cannot be at the meeting, please mail your dues to the FARA P.O. Box. Like you, FARA has expenses and your dues go towards meeting those expenses and other programs.

Also, it's that time of year again; FARA's annual Toys for Tots/Toys for Teen drive. Bring a new, unwrapped toy to the meeting. It doesn't have to be expensive and it would mean a lot to a needy child. If you cannot make it to the meeting, drop it off at the shack on a Saturday morning.

See you at the meeting at the Framingham Police Station on Dec. 4.

73, Gordy K1GB

## 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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# FARA Holiday Breakfast

## See the flyer attached!!!

### 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](mailto:kc1yr@kc1yr.com) requesting her to add you to the reflector.

### Membership Dues

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

Regular FARA \$15

Student / Retired \$10

Repeater (voluntary) \$10

### November Meeting



### FARA Horizons

- Dec: Greg Algieri, WA1JXR on Antenna Analyzers
- Dec 13-14: ARRL 10 Meter Contest
- Dec 21: \*\*\*FARA Holiday Brunch at Marlborough Marriott Hotel\*\*\*
- Jan 3: Kid's Day
- Jan: Show and Tell Night/QLF contest
- Feb: Jim Podsiadlo, AE1C on Peter I DXpedition
- Feb 21-22: ARRL CW DX Contest
- March: Joint meeting with MMRA group at FARA;  
Speaker: Miles Mann, WF1F on SSTV on the ISS
- March 7-8: ARRL SSB DX Contest
- March 14: Field Trip to Antique Radio Museum in Carlisle.
- March 21: License in a Weekend
- March 29: FARA Flea Market
- April: Dom Mallozzi, N1DM on Antennas
- May: Pizza Party
- May 2-3: New England QSO Party
- June: Fox Hunt and talk on Fox Hunting by Kevin Paetzold K1KWP  
Election of Officers  
Field Day

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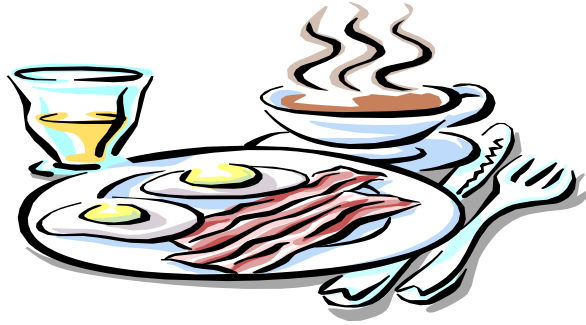
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Meeting: Club meetings are normally held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30PM in the basement of the Danforth Museum, on Lexington St.

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>



**EVERYONE IS INVITED**



**The FARA Holiday Breakfast**



**Come join us at the Marriott Courtyard in  
Marlborough on Sunday Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at 11 AM for a  
relaxing holiday breakfast buffet.**



**Directions: The Marriot 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.**



**A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR**

**Ticket Info.**

**Greg Andrews**

**508-877-7115**

**(Before 9:00 pm)**

**[Andrews.greg@gmail.com](mailto:Andrews.greg@gmail.com)**

**Tickets \$20 each**

**Purchase by Dec 14th**

**For tickets, send this form and a check (Payable to FARA) by Dec. 14**

**to Greg Andrews W1TDF, 32 Springhill Road. Framingham, MA 01701**

**Enclosed is a check (payable to FARA) for \$\_\_\_\_For\_\_ Tickets**

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