

# The Framingham Circuit

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## Thursday, Sep 3 This Month's Meeting

Hugh Maguire, N1QGE will speak about installing a running a generator in your home.

## 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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## President's Message

Welcome back to what promises to be another active season at FARA ! I trust that everyone had an enjoyable summer and is ready to make the club meetings a regular part of their regimen this year. We have an excellent line up of speakers (found elsewhere in the Circuit) treating a variety of topics related to our favorite past time.

Our EMCOMM group continued its training sessions during the summer. Do you want to be a part of this exciting venture for FARA and serve your community simultaneously? It is our hope to provide necessary backup emergency communications for the town with our know-how and expertise. We will be presenting the police department our plans for assisting them in the event of an emergency. Get in touch with our VP Leo, WA1HAM or our EC Alex, KB1JYD for more info about how you can get involved.

Speaking about EMCOMM, do you about CERT? CERT stands for Citizen's Emergency Response Team. One of our newest members, Arnold, KB1RIA, is putting together a Ham Radio booth at the CERT Fair in Sudbury on Sunday, Sept. 13. We will be speaking to the public about the great service we provide and about Ham Radio in general. We will be handing out brochures and other information. The fair runs from noon to 3:00 PM, so if you can assist, even for a little while, please let me know.

Our inaugural speaker of the season is Hugh Maguire, N1QGE. He will present a proven and economical way to power an entire house during a prolonged power outage. The system he will show operated 24 hours a day for over five days during the December 2008 ice storm in Northern Middlesex County. If you ever considered installing a generator in your home as an emergency power backup device, Hugh is an expert and will show/explain the proper way to do it. Sounds like a very unique presentation to me!

I will see you all on Thursday, Sept. 3 at 7:30 PM at the Framingham Police Station.  
73, Gordy K1GB

## Fall Upgrade Classes

*Sign up now for FARA's fall upgrade classes  
Move up to General or Extra and add those  
Extra frequencies to your operating time.*

### Schedule

**General-September 26, October 3, 2009**

**Extra- October 31, November 7, 2009**

**All classes will be held at the Club shack, in downtown**

***Framingham, Saturday am 9-12 noon. No text or fee  
Pre-registration preferred but not required.  
Contact: Ed WINXC 508-881-2301***

## FARA Members at FARA Night Out




### FARA Horizons

- Sept 3: Hugh Mcguire N1QGE, using a generator in the home
- Sept 13: Sudbury Community Emergency Readiness Fair
- Oct: Steve Bates K1SLB, grounding of antennas and other structures
- Nov: Rick Zach K1RJZ, GEMOTO 900 Mhz repeater group
- Dec: Terry Stader KA8SCP, new EMCOMM presentation
- Dec: Holiday Party?
- Jan: FARA movie night, DVD of a DXpedition
- Feb: John Garrett W9NT, presentation on Interference
- March: Mike Raisbeck K1TWF, ARRL Division Vice Director
- April: Greg Algieri WA1JXR, transmission Lines
- April 11: FARA Flea Market
- May: Pizza Party

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# Come to the FAIR!

Sudbury

Community Emergency

Readiness FAIR

Sunday, September 13

12:00 to 3:00 PM

at Peter Noyes School Field

~ Open to All ~

Co-Hosted by the Sudbury

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

AND MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS (MRC),

WITH PARTICIPATION BY SUDBURY FIRE, POLICE, AND HEALTH  
DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

## Interactive Events, Demonstrations, & Activities

Learn about and Participate in...

K-9 Search & Rescue

CHIP (Child Identification Program)

Fire Truck Operation & Fire Fighter Skills

Police Cruiser & Motorcycle Equipment

Animal Rescue & Pet Safety

CPR / AED Techniques for Children vs Adults

Medical First Aid Techniques

Use of Personal Protection Equipment

Creating 'Go-Bags' and Family Disaster Plans

Sheltering at Home / Evacuating to a Shelter

Emergency Dispensing Site Operation

Flu Care: Self-Protection, Prevention & Home Care

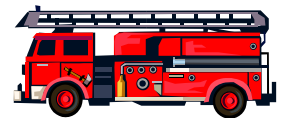
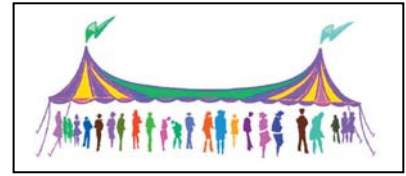
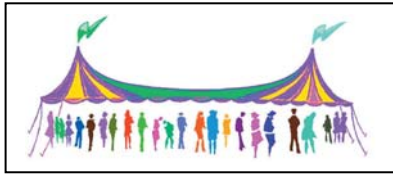
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Meeting: Club meetings are normally held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30PM in the basement of the Danforth Museum, on Lexington St.

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, 508-879-8097 to confirm.

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