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President's Message

Hello everyone! We had a good showing for our kickoff meeting last month. The highlight of the business portion was electing Sumner, W1VIV, as a life member of FARA. I think we all agree that this honor is well deserved! Hugh, N1QGE gave an interesting presentation on using a backup generator in the home. That weekend, Alex, KB1JYD, Arnold, KB1RIA and I took part in a successful venture at the Sudbury CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Fair. There were many groups represented, and we discussed ham radio's indispensable role in EMCOMM with the public. Many of our visitors were extremely interested, and inquired as to how they could get licensed.

A few of you have inquired about FARA apparel (T shirts, caps, jackets, etc.) but thus far the interest level has been negligible. Unless there is more interest, I will not take the matter to the next level to inquire about quantities/price breaks and the like.

Ed, W1NXC, once again will be offering his "crash" courses for General and Extra free of charge. If you would like to upgrade, Ed can get you off on the right foot! See the posting in this Circuit for more details.

Our meeting this Thursday at 7:30 PM at the police station will feature Steve Bates, K1SLB who will speak about the ever popular subject of grounding. In Steve's own words "The presentation briefly touches on all forms of grounding, then gets into primarily lightning protection, and what we as hams can do to protect ourselves and our equipment. There are a lot of myths and folk tales, but also some very practical things we can do."

Sounds like a good one, folks. See you there!

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

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 W1NXC 508-881-2301

September FARA Meeting

Photo by Lowell, KB1FHJ




FARA Horizons

- 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
- March 20-21: License in a Weekend
- April: Greg Algieri WA1JXR, transmission Lines
- April 11: FARA Flea Market
- May: Pizza Party
- May 1-2: New England QSO Party
- June TBD: Election of Officers

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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>