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Thursday, Dec 3 This Month's Meeting

Terry Stader, KA8SCP will be giving a presentation on EMCOMM.

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President's Message

Happy holidays, everyone! We had another good crowd for our November meeting with Steve Zach, K1RJZ and Cal Calvitto WA1WOK. We learned a lot about the GEMOTO 900 Mhz. group and D Star. 900 Mhz. sounds like an interesting band to explore if you want to try something new!

FARA is now FARA INC! Thanks to our Secretary (ooops Clerk!) Steve, KB1NIV, our application with the state to be incorporated has been approved. Our next step is to apply for 501 c 3 non profit tax exempt status with the Federal Government. Steve is putting a lot of work into this, so please thank him at the meeting on Thursday.

A lot has been going on behind the scenes. Weston, KB1SXY, has come on board to assist Eric, KB1PJN as co-administrator for the IRLP node at the shack. We are going to buy new computers for the shack as the ones we have are extremely slow and obsolete. Also, we are purchasing a 40/80 meter trap dipole antenna so that we can have access to these bands. Our tribander and rotor have been repaired and are again operational thanks to Sumner, W1VIV and Steve, KB1NIV. Come to the shack on Saturday morning and try out the gear!

Please don't forget the FARA holiday dinner on December 12 at the Marlborough Super Buffet. Let me know by December 5 if you would like to attend. The Chinese/American fare is excellent and a great time is guaranteed to be had by all!

Our meeting this Thursday night at 7:30 PM at the Police Station features a brand new EMCOMM presentation by Terry Stader, KA8SCP. It will focus on the relationship between ARES, RACES, MARS, and Skywarn within Middlesex, Essex, and Suffolk counties, but also comprises a statewide overview. It will also include information about CERT and MRC participation for hams. Possible side discussions would be how the local ham radio organization can get more involved with their local emergency management. Terry is MEMA region 1 Communications/RACES Officer and an ARRL Assistant Section Manager, so he knows what he is talking about!

We also hope to have Deputy Chief Trask of the Framingham Police in attendance so that he can be enlightened about our EMCOMM capabilities via this presentation. It is our hope that FARA can work with the local authorities to provide back up emergency communications for the town.

Have a safe and sound holiday season!

73, Gordy K1GB

FARA Sunday Night Net Control Schedule 2009/2010


K1GB	11/29	1/10
WA1HAM	12/6	1/17
KB1NIV	12/13	1/24
W1EQW	12/20	
W1VIV	12/27	
W1NXC	1/3	

FARA Horizons

Dec: Terry Stader KA8SCP, new EMCOMM presentation
Dec 12: 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.

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