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President's Message

Hi all: Well, can you believe it? Here it is June already! This season has just flown by! I would like to thank EVERYONE who attended the meetings, and/or has helped the club in ANY capacity this season. Your efforts and club spirit have NOT gone unnoticed! I would particularly like to thank the officers who have made this year successful, as well as the following individuals for their continued outstanding contributions: Sumner W1VIV, Ed W1NXC, Jim W1EQW, Eric KB1PJN, Lou N1UEC, Tom W1JSS and Bev N1LOO.

Our involvement with the Framingham Police Department continues. They have informed us that they will have an emergency communications command vehicle loaded with all types of gear. They want Amateur Radio as part of this project, particularly two meter/440 MHz, so it appears that they really want our know-how and expertise. If you would like to get involved with EMCOMM, contact our EC, Alex, KB1JYD for more info. Please remember that we will reimburse you for successfully passing the ARRL Level One EMCOMM on line course.

The Active Member list is now on our website. We have approximately 70 members which is great news! This shows that people want to remain affiliated with the club and be "in the loop". We would, however, like to see more of the 70 people at the monthly meetings, even if only occasionally. The more of you who attend the meetings, the greater the enthusiasm. On average we have 20-25 people at the meetings, which isn't too shabby, but we could do better. We have some great speakers already lined up for next season, so we hope to see you there!

Is anyone up for a FARA night out this summer? I am thinking about having one sometime in July at the Marlboro Super Buffet, or would you like a change of venue? Please let me know.

Our speaker this coming Thursday, June 3, at the Framingham Police Station at 7:30 PM will be Lou Harris, N1UEC. Lou has done (and continues to do) spectacular work maintaining our repeaters. He also arranged the free acquisition of our two meter repeater! This alone deserves huge recognition! Lou will be speaking on his experiences with the Red Cross performing disaster communications, and the different technologies we deploy and why. Emphasis will be placed on how Hams may best contribute. Now that FARA will be more involved with the Police Department, Lou's presentation is more timely than ever! Also at the meeting, we will greet and congratulate or scholarship recipient, Brendan Silkey, KB1FGU. Election of next year's officers will also take place.

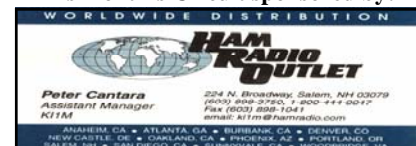
Have a fun and safe summer. See you at the meeting on Thursday.

73, Gordy K1GB

FARA Horizons

- June 3: Election of Officers
Lou Harris N1UEC, speaking on his experience in disaster communications
Presentation of FARA Scholarship to Brendan Silkey, KB1FGU
- June 26-27: Field Day
- July??: FARA Night Out?

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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>