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Thursday, Oct 4

Dave Pascoe KM3T, one of the WRTC-2014 Directors, will walk us through a presentation on the excitement behind WRTC-2014 and how our club can help support WRTC-2014, including benefits to the club for participation. The last time WRTC was held in the United States was 1996 so this will be an exciting event and one that potential volunteers will want to be sure to be involved with!

President's Message

Hello,

I was quite pleased to see the crowd at our September meeting; there as hardly a free chair in the room. It was good to see some new faces, as well as some returning members. I found Dr. Halper's discussion to be quite interesting; I believe many others did as well.

This month we'll be welcoming Dave Pascoe, KM3T, who will be discussing the WRTC 2014 (World Radio Sport Team Championship 2014). The meeting will be at the Framingham Police Station training room on Thursday, 4 October, beginning at 7:30.

Later in the month, Ed, W1NXC, will be holding some help sessions ("crash courses") for those wishing to upgrade their licenses. The focus will be on Tech to General, but I'm sure those wishing to upgrade to Extra will be welcome as well. The additional privileges that come with the General license make upgrading highly beneficial. The next exam session will be Wednesday, 14 November.

We have received a request for amateur radio support for the Cystic Fibrosis bicycle fund-raising event on Saturday, October 6th. It is being conducted by the Massachusetts Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and will start at the Fatima Shrine in Holliston. The route will travel to Concord and back and will likely take about 4 or 5 hours. If any hams with 2M gear are willing to help out in this public service, please contact John WA1ESO (wa1eso@juno.com) or Sherry Wait (508-655-6000).

73, Paul

FARA Horizons

October:	Dave Pascoe, KM3T on WRTC 2014 (World Radio Sport Team Championship 2014)
November:	Dan Brown W1DAN on National HRO-7.
December:	Holiday Party
January:	Fred Kemmerer AB1OC and Anita Kemmerer AB1QB on their DXpedition to Bora Bora.
February:	Show and Tell and Video of a DXpedition
March:	TBA
April:	TBA
	FARA FLEA MARKET SUNDAY APRIL 7 AT KEEFE TECH!!
May:	PIZZA PARTY
June:	TBA: Election of Officers/Field Day
	FARA 80TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY SUMMER 2013!

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Membership Dues

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

Regular FARA \$15

Student / Retired \$10

Repeater (voluntary) \$10

Sunday Night Net

Have you checked into the FARA Sunday evening net lately? One of the main purposes for checking in is to make sure that you and your radio station are capable and ready to assist in emergencies including natural disasters. The Sunday evening net is an easy, no pressure way to practice and improve your operating skills. The FCC has given us frequencies to use for such emergencies, so let's use them and not lose them. Support your FARA Sunday evening net by checking in at 7:30 PM each Sunday evening on the 147.15 MHz repeater. You may also learn something new from the "ham radio question of the week".

General Crash Course

Ed, W1NXC

Sign up now for FARA's General "crash" course which will be held at the club shack Oct 20, 27, and Nov 3, 2012, Saturday morning from 9 to 12 noon. No text, no fee, Techs and Novices welcome.

Why upgrade to General class? Here are a few reasons.

Passing the General exam opens up a lot of new frequencies, i.e., frequencies not previously available to Novice or Tech licensees. There are specific segments in the 40m, 20m, and 80m bands where Generals are allowed and you also will have the same frequency privileges that Advanced and Extra operators enjoy on 160m, 50m, 30m, 17m, 12m and 10m. That is a huge amount of bandwidth!

The most important and rewarding result of upgrading to General, however, is the availability of the so-called "DX" frequencies that enable one to communicate world-wide.

Sign up now by e-mail: edaweiss@cs.com or tel 508-881-2301

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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Meeting: Club meetings are normally held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30PM in the Framingham Police Station

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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