

# The Framingham Circuit

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## President's Message:

Greetings from John, KB1VXY, your new FARA President. I hope you all had a fun and radioactive summer! Some of us last met at Field Day which went well at our new location at the McAuliffe Branch of the Framingham Library. Thanks to all who helped to make it work, including last minute antenna repairs by Dave KB1YXL, signs by Ellen, KB1NIP, and the information and props by Sumner, W1VIV. We also had a Board Meeting in August. This is an edited form of an email I sent out earlier. I am numbering this one Vol. 85, No. 7 because the last one was No. 6 in June. But I looked back and noticed that all the September Circuits were No. 9.

Please feel free to submit pictures, essays, news, license upgrades, antenna projects, new gear, etc., for the newsletter.

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**A round of thanks** is in order and I apologize in advance if I forget anyone. It takes a group, some continuity, some new folks, to keep an organization like FARA going.

- Thanks to Gordy, K1GB, for his many years of service in multiple domains, including as President for many years and more recently as Activities Director.
- Thanks to Paul, N1VAM, for his years of service as President of FARA. Glad he will be sticking around as VP.
- Thanks to Robert, N1UVA, for his many years of service as Newsletter Editor. We will be moving toward using the members email and the new web page to distribute it directly. The club has formally recognized his efforts with a gift.
- Thanks to Jim Houston, AB1YQ, for his time as Treasurer and to Steve, N1MH for taking it on.
- Many thanks to Victor, K1VEA, for the steady service as Clerk - Secretary, providing more continuity.
- Also thanks to Sumner for his many years of experience and guidance as Director, and for the main impetus behind Field Day.
- Thanks to Jim, W1EQW, who keeps the testing process going, which brings in new hams.
- Thanks to Dick, AA1VI, for keeping the scholarship process going.
- Thanks to Andy, KC1DMM, for tolerating the headaches and handling the Flea Market.
- Thanks to Steve Moro, N1MH, Treasurer and our new webmaster for the our new webpage.
- Many thanks to Eric, KB1PJN, for his many years of managing the webpage and emails, repeaters, echolink, and IRLP. Please check it out, including news, upcoming events, and the old videos and pictures from the past.

**Club Meeting:** We kick off the year with our first meeting Thursday September 6, 20178 at 7:30 pm at the Framingham PD. We might even have the old amphitheater room back depending on the construction. Our Thursday speaker is Tom Walsh, K1TW, ARRL Eastern MA Section Manager. Please see Tom's bio at <https://ema.arrl.org/tom-walsh-kt1w/> Tom is a friend of FARA and has spoken at our meetings several times in the past few years. His topic will be:

"What's New and Exciting in the Eastern Massachusetts (EMA) ARRL Section" Tom Walsh, K1TW, will be speaking about recent developments in our section. There are major changes occurring in the

hobby. How should the section and clubs like FARA stay on top of all of this? (See more about the talk on our web page at <https://w1fy.org/> )

**Members List on W1FY Webpage:** At the Board Meeting in August, we discussed posting an accurate list of paid up and lifetime members on our members list on the webpage starting this January, 2019. We expect a rapid turnover from paid dues to presence on the list.

**FARA Members Email:** As you know, we switched from the Reflector to the members email list. Paid members and lifetime members should be receiving emails from [members@w1fy.org](mailto:members@w1fy.org). Let Steve or I know if you or anyone else is not getting the club emails.

**Boxboro:** Don't forget about the Boxboro event, with talks, flea market, evening dinners, industry exhibits, ARRL booth, etc. Tickets are only \$15 and it covers all three days of Friday, 9/7: Saturday 9/8 and Sunday 9/9. Many ham groups meet formally and informally. <https://www.boxboro.org/>

**Board Meetings:** At the August Board Meeting, we discussed have more frequent meetings, perhaps quarterly. Our next one is scheduled for Late October, details to be clarified. Any member can attend.

**Nostalgia:** I reviewed the September 2008 Circuit. Gordy, K1GB was president. There was talk of the possibility of adding a 440 link repeater! The talk that month was on digital TV. There had been a 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of FARA on June 14, 2008. The following is a picture of the attendees to the event. How many can you identify? I can identify about 14.

## 75th Anniversary Party



**Many past and present FARA members turned out for the 75th Anniversary Party in June.**

### FARA HORIZONS: UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 4, 2018:** Club meeting. Joe Dzekevich. K1YOW will talk on 6 meter propagation.

**October 29, 2018:** FARA Board Meeting, details to be clarified.

**November 1, 2018 Club Meeting.** Andy Stewart, KB1OIQ, PART President, will talk about the Bitx and uBitx kit builds.

### **Club Information 2018**

**Officers:** see <http://w1fy.org/fara-officers>

- President John Iwuc KB1VXY president@W1FY.org
- President Paul King N1VAM vp@W1FY.org
- Clerk Victor Anderson K1VEA secretary@W1FY.org
- Treasurer Steve Moro N1MH treasurer@W1FY.org
- Director Sumner Weisman W1VIV director@W1FY.org
- Director of Testing Jim Weckback W1EQW testing@fara.org
- Webmaster Steve Moro N1MH webmaster@W1FY.org

**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:** FARA is actively looking for a new club station.

**Club Web Site:** W1FY.org

**Social Media:**

- facebook.com/faraw1fy
- twitter.com/fara\_w1fy

**Mail Address:** PO Box 3005, Framingham, MA