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This Month's Meeting

Learn about emergency preparedness and how ham radio has played a part in the relief effort in New York City.

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President's Message

FARA has three new members this month! Welcome to WINXP, Nathan, from Westborough; KB1HFM, Rich, from Marlborough; and K1RJZ, Rick, from Marlborough. We hope to see all of you at future meetings.

One of our new members is Rick Zach, K1RJZ, owner of a commercial tower in Hopkinton. Rick has a repeater on 443.025 MHz located on this tower - temporarily being rebuilt - and is turning this system over to FARA. Rick is also supplying the temporary location for our 145.61 MHz Packet Cluster system at his Hopkinton tower. The 443.025 MHz system should be operational in a month or two and will be linked to the 147.15 MHz repeater. Needless to say, FARA appreciates everything Rick has done and is thrilled to have Rick as a new member of the Club.

Our Fall FARA Flea is only days away. November 4 is the big day. We have lots of tables reserved and it looks like another sell-out. Bev is still looking for a few more volunteers. Call her if you're interested. Free admission to the flea for all volunteers.

As I write this, Steve, AA1IZ, our Vice President, is operating the club station, W1FY, during the CQ World Wide DX Contest. This is one of the big world wide contests of the year. It is a great opportunity to work DX and a lot of fun. I hope to see more use of our club station during the winter contest season. Watch the FARA reflector for future contest dates. I encourage anyone who has never operated in a contest to come to the Shack and give it a try. We will supply a tutor. Don't let your Technician license hold you back....anyone can operate the station as long as a appropriately licensed operator is in the room.

At our last FARA Board meeting, we decided to form committee to formalize our public service and emergency service efforts for the Metrowest communities served by the FARA membership. Our goal is to establish relationships with the various Metrowest towns and provide communication services when needed. This month's meeting will feature a discussion on emergency preparedness and the relief effort in New York City. It should be interesting. I hope to see you there.

Bob, W1RH

Courtesy Key to Ham Radio Future, FCC Official Says

By Sharon Machlis Gartenberg KC1YR

The greatest threat to amateur radio comes not from rule-breakers, but rude, thoughtless operators, an FCC official told the Yankee Clipper Contest Club's October meeting in Worcester.

"You're using billions of dollars worth of spectrum," said Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, special counsel for amateur radio enforcement. "You have to operate with this in mind, and you have to operate every day assuming the whole world is listening."

Now that commercial services and some national governments are anxious to acquire scarce frequencies, it's critical for ham radio operators to show that we're using the resource responsibly. It's hard to argue at international meetings that U.S. hams need more SSB space on 40 meters, he noted, when many who covet our frequencies hear some of the immature arguing taking place.

Hollingsworth urged those in attendance to be mindful of not interfering with

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have radio rage."

The good news, Hollingsworth said: If hams can control this problem among ourselves, "amateur radio has the best potential it's had in 20 years." New satellites, the convergence of computers and radios and the re-emergence of strong federal enforcement of amateur radio rules should all help strengthen the amateur service.

And, he noted, license restructuring and the flood of new no-code operators "caused not one degree of increased enforcement problems."

The top enforcement issue in amateur radio today is California, Hollingsworth said, noting wryly that without those problems -- especially numerous Southern California repeater infractions -- enforcement would be a one- or two-day-a-week job.

After that, he said, the greatest issue facing amateur radio was what he bluntly called stupidity. Third on the list: unlicensed 10-meter operators, followed by a plethora of "Part 15 junk" that causes RFI to legitimate radio operations.

Hollingsworth said the FCC under the Bush administration should offer "more of the same," since new Chairman Michael Powell "wants the commission to be an enforcement agency" and not just a rule-making body.

"After three years of enforcement, I'm not jaded," he told the YCCC. "Amateur radio is a great gift and a wonderful legacy. ..."

"Do one thing to pay back what you've been given," he urged. "Let's make sure amateur radio doesn't become obsolete on our watch."

FARA Flea Market--Nov 4

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JOTA--Nobscot Scout Reservation

Pictures by Brian, N1JFO and Bob, W1RH

Peter, KA1AXY operated a station at the Nobscot Scout Reservation in Framingham on October 20th for the Boy Scouts Jamboree on the Air. The photographers, Bob and Brian, also helped out.. The station ran on 10m and 20m, and contacted other JOTA stations in MN, NJ, PA and three in the UK! A good time was had by all involved, and we may have interested a few scouts in our License in a Weekend course.



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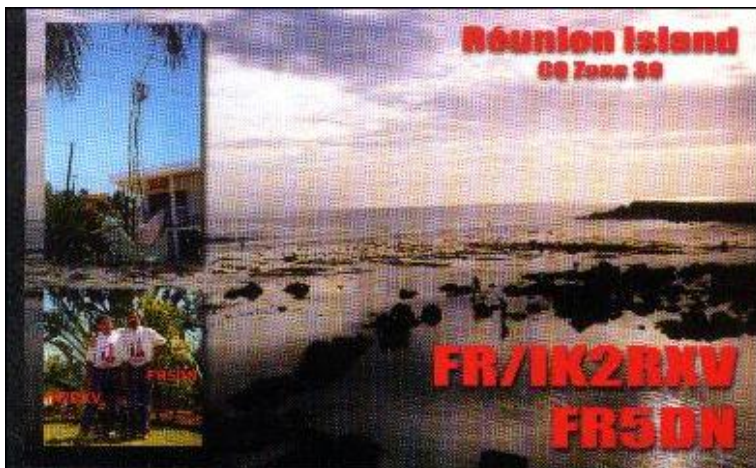
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QSL Card

Card Submitted by Jim, W1XAS Write-up by Bob, W1RH



Take a look at this month's QSL. I did a double-take when this card arrived from Jim, N1XAS. The card is from a prized rare DXCC entity, Reunion Island, located in the Indian Ocean. That is not why I did the double-take, however. It seems that Jim worked this great DX on 6 meters! That's right, the same 6 meters that Technician class operators can use. I should note that I have never worked any 6 meter DX beyond North America, so, Jim, I am really jealous!

Jim worked FR5DW on October 31, 2000. The mode was SSB.

Reunion Island is in the southern hemisphere, in the middle of the Indian Ocean. This small overseas French department is part of the Mascarene Islands, along with Mauritius and Rodrigues.

The islands of Tromelin, Juan de Nova, The Glorieuses, Bassa de India and Europa are dependent on Reunion Island. These islands are only inhabited by scientists, but their economic value is important: they give France access to a wide area of territorial waters (useful for

fishing). Reunion is also a supply base for the Austral and Antarctic Territories of France, as well as being a French military base.

The island was discovered by Tristan da Cunha and named Santa Apollonia Island. In 1649, the island was officially claimed by the French in the name of the King of France. The island was named Ile Bourbon. In 1792, the island was renamed île de la Réunion (Reunion Island). In 1806, the island was renamed île Bonaparte. In 1810, the British took possession of the Mascarene Islands, and again used the name of île Bourbon for Reunion Island. In 1815, the British gave only île Bourbon back to the French through the treaty of Paris. Mauritius and Rodrigues remained British. In 1848, the island took back the name of île de la Réunion (Reunion Island) for good. In 1946, Reunion Island became an Overseas Department of France.

Thanks, Jim, for the nice card.

FARA - The Early Years

Transcribed by Karen Hess

The Framingham Amateur Radio Association, formerly called the Community Radio Association, is fortunate to have the notes dating back to the Club's first meeting. Karen Hess, W1RH's XYL, has transcribed the hand written notes, verbatim. They make for fascinating reading!

March 23, 1934

The 23rd regular meeting of the Community Amateur Radio Association was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Pres. McLean. The secretary's report was read and a correction was made by Dr. Crosby. The report was then accepted. Dr. Crosby read a report on the Minneapolis club, letter and the report was put up to discussion. Thompson, Ruland and Ted Love entered into the discussion. Motion was made by Ed Parsons to send the report intact to the Minneapolis Club, also copies to be sent to Mr. Bailey and K.B. Warner. Seconded and so voted.

Mr. Tedford told of a recent visit to the Newton Club. He reminded the fellows that WIMW is the official forwarding station for QSL cards in this section. He also announced that the Boston Club wants to have a hidden station hunt at their outing this summer.

The suggestion was made by Dr. Crosby that the club have a supper meeting at an early date. The matter was put up for discussion and menus submitted by the Hotel Kendall were given to the secretary.

There being no further business before the meeting, it was adjourned by unanimous vote.

After the business meeting a fine talk on Raytheon tubes was given by Mr. Purrington of the Raytheon Co. He also donated a tube to the club to be raffled off.

FARA Horizons

Nov 1: Club Meeting

Nov 4: FARA Flea Market

Nov 26: Board Meeting

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