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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be a video of the Peter 1 Island, 3Y0PI dxpedition. As always popcorn will be provided.

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Material may be submitted for publication by sending it directly to the editor. This can be done by phone, 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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President's Message

I'm writing this on Friday before the long Labor Day weekend and I am looking forward to the FARA Picnic. By the time you read this, this year's FARA picnic will history. It looks like we will have a good turnout. We have a beautiful site on a pond with canoes and a lifeguard. We also have a volleyball net and all the comforts of home. Good conversation and good food also come with the package. If you missed this year's picnic, consider coming next year, and bring the kids. You will have a great time!

FARA has become the recipient of more antennas. Leo, WAIHAM has given us a 13 element 2 meter beam, a 6 meter beam and a gin pole. Our crack tower crew, led by Peter, KA1AXY, did some house cleaning on Leo's tower and the antennas were FARA's reward. We thank Leo for the donations.

This month's meeting will feature a dxpedition tape of the Peter 1 Island dxpedition, 3Y0PI, in 1994. Martin will supply the tape, I'll bring the projector and FARA will supply the popcorn. We have some great future meetings planned. Next month, we hope to have a presentation featuring the FARA Packet Cluster system. In addition, Paul, K1XM, and Charlotte, KQ1F, have promised to do another one of their awesome dxpedition presentations this Fall. No date yet, but watch the Circuit.

At the last FARA Board meeting, we agreed to post notes from Board meetings on the FARA web site. This is a way to let our members know what goes on in those monthly meetings.

Sharon, KC1YR, has found a money making opportunity for FARA via our web site. Amazon.Com offers a commission to organizations who link to amazon.com on their web site. If you have entered the amazon.com site via the link on the FARA web site, and place an order, FARA will get a percentage back from the order. Every little bit helps, so if you order from Amazon.Com, enter the site via www.fara.org.

Finally, as I mentioned last month, I'd like to recognize a member or two every month for their contributions to FARA. This month, I'd like to feature our Packet Cluster Group. Charlie, NC1N, is the system Guru. If it were not for Charlie, we would not have a Packet Cluster Node. Charlie has put countless hours into our Node. Assisting Charlie with system administration is Lee, K1GL, Sharon, KC1YR, and Dennis, NB1B. Also, helping out with remote resets and overall monitoring of the system is Jim, N1XAS. Just another group of FARA members who help make this Club one of the best in the nation!

Bob, W1RH

Reserve Your Table Now for the November Flea

By Peter, KA1AXY

A reminder from the treasurer regarding the upcoming flea market.

FARA offers a single table at a discounted rate to club members in good standing. The table must be reserved and payment received in advance. Additional tables reserved and paid in advance, and those paid at the door are charged the standard rates.

Life members receive the discounted rate on all tables reserved and paid for in advance.

For more information about the Flea Market or to request your table online, see the FARA website.

Antenna Cleanup

Photo by Peter, KA1AXY



FARA members Sumner, W1VIV; Martin, AA1ON; Bob, W1RH and Peter, KA1AXY participated in an antenna cleanup at WA1HAM's QTH. FARA received a 2 meter beam, a 6 meter beam and a gin pole.

At it Again...



The same crew was at it again assisting fellow ham, Jay, KT2E in Holliston with taking down his tower. FARA received a Crushcraft A3

Change of Address

If you would like to change the address on your Circuit label, please email fara@fara.org. Or, you can call the Club at 508-879-8097

Useful FARA URLs

Main FARA Web site: <http://www.fara.org> (goes to www.qsl.net/fara)
Archives of the FARA mailing list: <http://list.fara.org>
Club info and officers: <http://info.fara.org>
Info on our W1VY packet cluster node: <http://packet.fara.org>
Other interesting ham-related links: <http://links.fara.org>
Shop at Amazon.com and help FARA: <http://amazon.fara.org>

Shop Online?

Use amazon.fara.org and help out the club. FARA receives a small percentage of your order.

FraminghamARA-L@qth.net

The FARA email reflector is working well. It provides us with an easy way to reach all our members who have email. You have to sign up so it will reach you, though.

To sign up, send a message to majordomo@qth.net with contents "subscribe FraminghamARA-L". (Without the quotes, of course). The subject can be left blank, the server only looks at the contents of the message. You'll get back a confirmation, follow its instructions exactly, then you're on the list!

Contest Corner

2001 ARRL RTTY Roundup
Eastern Mass.

WA6ILT/1, third place, low power
2000 ARRL 10-Meter Contest
Eastern Mass.

K1HT, first place, low power
W1VIV, second place, low power
AA1ON (+W1RH, KC1YR), first place, multioperator, high power

Quite a few FARA members are contesters and now there is a place to share your scores. If you would like to submit your reported score to be in the Contest Corner, please email it to me.

Upgrade Anyone?

By Ed, W1NXC

Have a Novice or Tech plus license and want to move up? Have a General license and want to upgrade to Extra? Here is your opportunity—sign up now for FARA's special upgrade classes this fall. Two classes for General and two classes for Extra will be held on successive Saturdays, at the Club location in the Danforth Museum basement. These are "crash" type sessions, designed primarily to provide a little extra help to applicants who plan to take the exams at the Flea Market on November 4, 2001. There is no charge, texts are optional and all classes will run from 9:30 am to noon.

Schedule:

Oct 6 General

Oct 13 General

Oct 20 Extra

Oct 27 Extra

To sign up see any club officer or e-mail Ed, W1NXC at eweiss2934@aol.com

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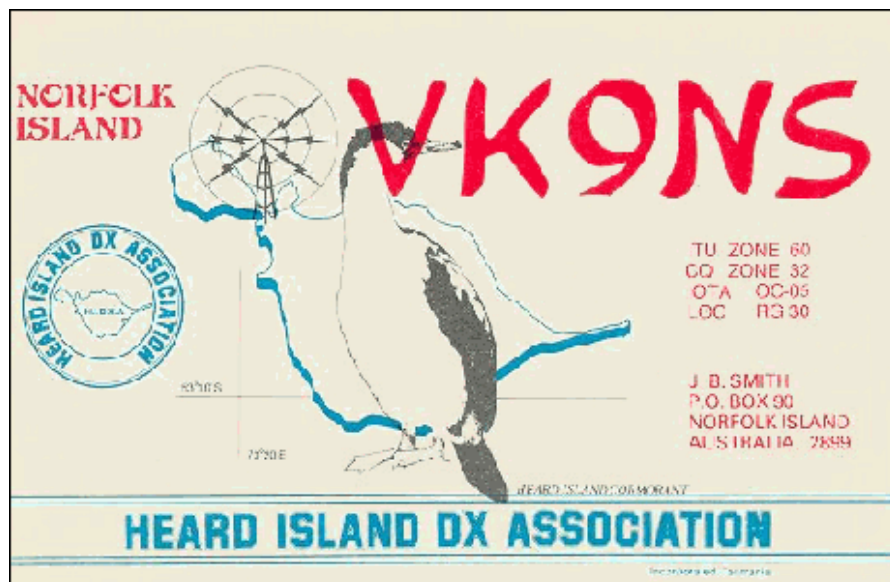
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Membership Dues

Annual membership dues are as follows: (Make checks payable to FARA)
Regular FARA \$15
Student / Retired \$10
Repeater (voluntary) \$10

QSL Card

Write-up by Bob, W1RH



This month's QSL card came from the FARA archives. W1FY worked Jim, VK9NS, in December, 1991, on 10 meter CW near the peak of the last solar cycle. Jim's QTH is on Norfolk Island, a pretty rare DXCC entity to work from this part of the world.

A few words about Jim. VK9NS is a member of the elite CQ Magazine DX Hall of Fame. He was first licensed in 1947 and, since then, has operated from more rare DX locations than most hams ever dream of operating from. Many DX'ers around the world have this QSL card.

Norfolk Island is a volcanic island in the South Pacific. It was first inhabited by the Polynesians. Captain James Cook discovered Norfolk in 1774 and claimed it for Great Britain. The island was named in honor of the Duchess of Norfolk. It is the home of the Norfolk pine tree. The island was also the home of

one of the most brutal prisons establishments ever established by Britain. In 1856, the island received those who call it home today - the Pitcairners, descendants of the Bounty Mutineers and their Tahitian companions.

Norfolk Island was annexed to Tasmania in 1844, became a dependency of New South Wales in 1896, and was transferred to the Commonwealth of Australia in 1913. Many of the old prison colony buildings have been restored and contribute to the island's main industry, tourism. Limited self-rule was granted to Norfolk Island in 1979.

The Circuit is in need of QSL cards!!! If you would like to share your favorite QSL card, which could be your own, with the club, please send it my way!

FARA Flea

November 4th

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, and they will appear in this and future issues of the Circuit. They make for fascinating reading!

Feb. 23, 1934

The 21st regular meeting of the C.A.R.A. was called to order at 8:30 p.m. by Vice Pres. Dr. Crosby. The secretary's report was read and accepted. It was suggested that the club hold a raffle to stimulate interest. After a discussion it was decided to buy some 5 meter apparatus and the details of the raffle were left to a committee appointed by Dr. Crosby. The committee appointed, was as follows: Herb Blanke, Ted Valpey, Bill LaBarr, and Ed Parsons.

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

After the business meeting, dues were collected, and following this, a talk on A.C. current was given by Herb Blanke.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alfred L. Schaltenbrand, Sec.

FARA Horizons

Sep 6: Club Meeting

Sep 24: Board Meeting

Nov 4: FARA Flea Market

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