

FARA Sept Monthly Meeting via Zoom on 9-3-20 at 7:30 PM Attendance = 20 by

W1VIV Sumner W	KB1VXY John I	N1MH Steve M
KC1DMM Andy M	K1AZE Lew N	KC1LPZ Steve B
W1HNZ Bruce R	V3IDX Peter M	KB1GMU Larry G
K1VEA Victor A	KC1HPZ Glenn A	W1EQW Jim W
WB9PZD Jeff A	K1HT David H	WN1A Jim C
KB1YXL David M	W1GRO Richard G	K1TW Tom W**
K9HI Phil T**	AB2IX Adrian Z	

Note: ** This Month's Presentors - from the ARRL

TREASURER'S REPORT: No new expenditures for the past month.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes of the Aug Special Meeting were summarized

REPEATER REPORT:

Everything works ok. NOTE, however, the several decades old Power Supply will need to be replaced. View that fact as an upcoming expenditure in the near future. Also the 440 Repeater is now in the hands of Bob Phinney – K5TEC.

VEC REPORT:

The room we use at the City Hall remains unavailable for us to use for testing. Discussion involved alternative options. Those mentioned are the ARRL website for other area testing locations, hamstudy.org and the W5YI Group. For now FARA VECs are not offering any testing. Also there is a serious need for VOLUNTEERS to assist with testing when the situation returns to normal.

FCC News: Please note the FCC is planning to raise the License Renewal Fee to \$50. This is pending so currently there is an opportunity to submit comments to the FCC.

September Presentation by K1TW, Tom & K9HI, Phil of the Eastern MA ARRL. The title "Discover The ARRL Universe" describes the ARRL as vast and ever expanding where both veteran and New Hams are likely to learn something new. In summary I am going to provide the web links that reflect the ongoing dynamics of the ARRL. Starting with www.arrl.org – <http://www.arrl.org/annual-reports> - <http://www.arrl.org/divisions> - https://ema.arrl.org/#section_leadership - National Amateur Radio Union at <http://www.arrl.org/tu> and <https://www.iaru.org/> - Social Network Groups on FB, Twitter and more are found on those individual sites. Lifelong Learning Webinars are online with more to come – registration is required for webinars, e.g. Summits On The Air (SOTO) – Another broad topic is getting involved in emergency communications - NTS & ARES https://secure1.ema.arrl.org/gilan/ares/EMA/ares_about - Tom hit the highlights with the time allotted with questions and feedback by FARA members that extended his time with us.

Respectfully Submitted by Stephen M Babbitt, Secretary – KC1LPZ