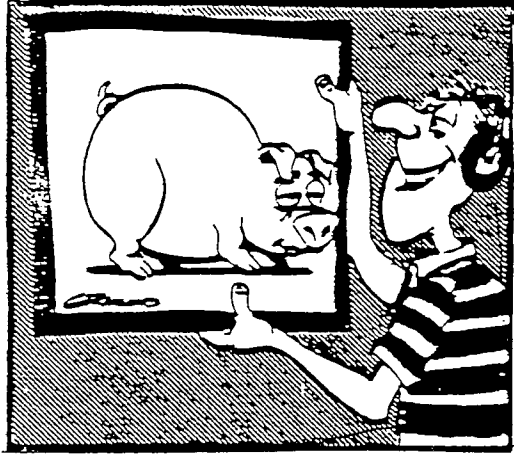


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NEWSLETTER

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THE FRAMINGHAM AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION MEETS	
THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30 P.M. AT	
THE DANFORTH MUSEUM. ALL AMATEURS AND PERSONS	
INTERESTED IN AMATEUR RADIO ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.	
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THE NEXT MEETING OF THE FRAMINGHAM AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD AT THE ASSOCIATION STATION LOCATED IN THE DANFORTH MUSEUM STARTING AT 7:30 P.M. ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST 1983.

THIS MEETING WILL MARK THE START OF THE 83-84 SEASON UNDER THE DIRECTION OF YOUR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS. WE HOPE THE MEMBERS WILL GIVE THE SAME WHOLE-HEARTED SUPPORT TO YOUR NEW OFFICERS AS YOU HAVE DONE IN THE PAST.....

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO BE MAKING PLANS FOR OUR FALL FLEA MARKET TO SUPPORT THE DR. CARLTON CROSBY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS. THE DATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN NEXT MONTHS NEWSLETTER.

THE FLEA MARKET HAS BEEN GROWING AND GROWING AND THE RESULT IS WE NEED MORE PEOPLE TO ASSIST IN IT OPERATION. IF YOU HAVE HELPED OUT IN THE PAST, WE NEED YOU. IF YOU HAVE NEVER HELPED WE NEED YOU TOO.

WHEN OUR PRESIDENT RON K1YHM ASKS FOR VOLUNTEERS DON'T BE SHY, BE ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS OR GALS. THE MORE MONEY WE MAKE, THE LARGER CONTRIBUTION WE CAN MAKE TO A GOOD CAUSE.....

OUR NOVICE/GENERAL CLASSES WILL BE STARTING ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH SO, IF YOU KNOW ANYBODY THAT IS INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR PLEASE HAVE THEM CONTACT YOUR SECRETARY, JIM BOATES WA1UEH AT 429-1774 OR DROP A LINE TO 29 CENTRAL STREET, HOLLISTON, MA. 01746 OR CONTACT ANY OFFICER OF THE ASSOCIATION AND THEY WILL CONTACT THE SECRETARY FOR YOU. WE WELCOME ALL COMERS, AGE SEX IS NO BARRIER.

THIS WILL BE THE FIRST YEAR OF THE NEW PROCEDURE THAT BECAME EFFECTIVE 31 AUGUST 83 WHERE THE CODE AND THEORY TESTS ARE GIVEN BY VOLUNTEER EXAMINERS.

TWENTY QUESTIONS WILL BE SELECTED BY THE EXAMINER FROM A LIST OF 200 QUESTIONS FURNISHED BY THE FCC IN PR BULLETIN 1035A. THE BULLETIN OR FORM 610 CAN BE OBTAINED FROM FCC OR ARRL HEADQUARTERS. PLEASE INCLUDE SASE.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANY BOY SCOUT OR GIRL SCOUT TROOP SEEKING MERIT BADGES IN MORSE CODE, NOW IS THE TIME TO ENROLL THEM. IN PAST YEARS WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO TEACH MORSE CODE IN MARCH AND APRIL WHEN MOST OF OUR STUDENTS ARE ALL TRYING TO BRING THEIR CODE SPEED UP TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GENERAL EXAM AND WE FELT THAT GOING BACK TO THE SLOW SPEEDS WOULD IMPEDE THE PROGRESS OF THE CLASS. SO, IF YOU KNOW OF ANYBODY INTERESTED LETS HEAR FROM YOU.....

WITH THE START OF THE 83-84 SEASON WE MEET AGAIN THAT OLD BUGABOO DUES. YOUR EDITOR WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THIS THE ONLY TIME THIS HAS TO BE MENTIONED, BUT, I KNOW IT IS JUST A DREAM.

THE DUES ARE VERY REASONABLE IN YOUR EDITORS OPINION. \$10.00 PER YEAR FOR REGULAR OR FAMILY MEMBERSHIP. \$5.00 FOR RETIRED PERSONS AND BONA FIDE STUDENTS FROM KINDEGARDEN THROUGH GRADUATE SCHOOL.

YOU ASK, WHAT DO I GET FOR MY DUES? HERE IS A PARTIAL LIST: A CLUB STATION FULLY EQUIPED FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NO HOME STATION OR WHO LIVE IN APARTMENTS THAT BAN ANTENNAS. TWO FREE BEER AND PIZZA PARTYS, FREE COFFEE PASTRY OR DONUTS ON EVERY MEETING NIGHT AND ON SATURDAY MORNINGS DURING NOVICE/GENERAL CLASSES, CUT RATE TABLES AT THE FLEA MARKET, A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, AN ASSOCIATION SUBSIDIZED ANNUAL DINNER PARTY AND MOST OF ALL, GOOD FELLOWSHIP OF MEETING AND SHOOTING THE BREEZE WITH PEOPLE OF SIMILAR INTEREST.

I KNOW DICK MARSHALL WAIKUG OUR TREASURER WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO HAVE ALL THE DUES PAID IN SEPTEMBER, SO HE CAN GO ON TO OTHER THINGS AND NOT HAVE TO REPROGRAM HIS COMPUTER EVERY MONTH AS TO WHO HAS PAID AND WHO WILL BE DROPPED FROM MEMBERSHIP.

SO, SIT DOWN WRITE YOUR CHECK IN THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT AND MAIL IT TO FRAMINGHAM AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, P.O. BOX 3005, FRAMINGHAM, MA. 01701. OR BRING IT TO THE MEETING ON 1 SEPTEMBER 83.....

REPRINTED IN THIS ISSUE IS A COPY OF A LETTER FROM JEAN CLIFFORD THE LOCAL MARCH OF DIMES DIRECTOR THANKING THE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS WHO HELPED OUT WITH COMMUNICATIONS ON THAT RAINY SUNDAY.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

"3A EMA BK ... QSL ES GL GRZ FD DE W1FY K". It seems like yesterday when, after several hundred thousand dits and dahs, my brain again succumbed to the fact that CW was a fantastic way to communicate. By the wee hours of the morning, one starts to THINK in Morse! Field Day 1983 is now history and FARA rose to new heights with a score 33% greater than that of the previous year. Congratulations to all who participated with special thanks to Dick Marshall, WA1KUG who orchestrated the logistics and kept everyone's taste buds well stimulated.

With the summer quickly drawing to a close, I look forward to the beginning of FARA's new year with much excitement, enthusiasm and some trepidation. Amateur radio will experience both evolutionary and revolutionary change in the upcoming months: a possible (probable) no-code license; volunteer exams; band expansion; new bands; 10 year license term; lesser FCC involvement; even an orbiting Ham on STS-9 (Space Shuttle) this Fall. Most of these changes will be good, some perhaps not. But the amateur community today can have an impact on what the hobby looks like in the future - a responsibility which should not be taken lightly.

My only trepidation centers around the size of the shoes I hope to fill. Lew Nyman, K1AZE was President of FARA for longer than he cares to admit. During that period, FARA membership grew more than 200%, our flea markets have become the standard for comparison, a permanent club station and meetingplace was established, the club was incorporated, license classes expanded, an annual scholarship was funded, etc., etc. That's a hard act to follow! Fortunately, Lew has indicated that he will continue to be very active in FARA despite his new (and old) responsibilities and I look forward to his involvement, counsel and experience.

The September meeting will be a barnburner! In addition to an excellent talk on DXing by Ed Sawyer, KA1CFC (hope you got the new Extra call by now, Ed), we will be discussing the corporate bylaws (to be voted on at the October meeting), possible club involvement in Sweepstakes and the Space Shuttle experiment, FARA's application to the ARRL as a Special Services Club (SSC), Novice and intermediate classes (to begin on September, 24th), and the Fall flea market - among other things. Refreshments will follow.

DON'T MISS IT !!!

73,

Ron Egsika, K1YHM



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June 30, 1983

Framingham Amateur Radio Club
c/o Mr. Lewis Nyman
17 Heather Drive
Framingham, MA 01701

Dear Club Members:

Once again, I am saying "thanks" to a super group of people! Having the support of the Radio Club and many of the club members involved in person with our recent Framingham WalkAmerica '83 was a great asset.

Along with raising much needed funds, our main concern with a project of this nature is the safety and well-being of the participants and volunteers. Through your help, we were able to keep things in control and people happy in spite of the dreadful weather.

Assistance like yours enables the March of Dimes to make great progress toward giving every baby the best possible chance for a healthy start in life.

Thank you again for your generous support. I am looking forward to working with you again.

Sincerely yours,

Jean Clifford
Community Director
West Suburban Office

JC/bds

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THE MARCH OF DIMES GROUP IS UNIQUE IN THANKING US FOR OUR PARTICIPATION NO OTHERS EVER HAVE.

I CAN REMEMBER ONE SUNDAY WHEN JOHN MACLEOD WA1IGL, FRANK HILBRUNNER WIJDO AND MYSELF SPENT A MINIMUM OF 8 HOURS DURING A TELEPHONE OUTAGE ON THE SOUTH SHORE PROVIDING COMMUNICATIONS FOR POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCES, HOSPITALS, HOMES FOR THE AGED AND OTHER SITES WHERE COMMUNICATIONS WERE NECESSARY. NOT A WORD OF THANKS FROM ANYBODY.

ANOTHER INCIDENT WAS THE MARCH FOR HUNGER, JOHN MACLEOD WA1IGL, ED WEISS WINXC AND MYSELF GAVE UP OUR SUNDAY AND BY PLAYING LEAP FROG MANNED 10 CONTROL POINTS, NOT A WORD OF THANKS, ALTHOUGH THEY DID CONTACT ME A WEEK BEFORE LAST YEARS MARCH AND ASKED IF WE COULD MAN IT AGAIN. I HAD TO TURN THEM DOWN, THEY DID'T GIVE US LEAD TIME ENOUGH TO GET A TEAM READY.

THANKS JEAN, WE APPRECIATE THE LETTER.....

SAFETY ALERT BULLETIN

TWO RECENT INCIDENTS HAVE UNCOVERED A PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN PHENOMENON OF SERIOUS GRAVITY. AT DEQUEANE ELECTRIC A WORKER THREW AN ELECTRICAL SWITCH INTO CLOSED POSITION, WHICH PRODUCED A SHORTLIVED SPARKING.

AN EMPLOYEE AT UPS FLIPPED OPEN THE COLORED LENS OF HIS WELDING GOGGLES TO BETTER POSITION THE WELDING ROD. HE INADVERTANTLY STRUCK THE METAL TO BE WELDED, PRODUCING AN ARC.

BOTH MEN WERE WEARING CONTACT LENSES. ON RETURNING HOME FROM WORK, THEY REMOVED THE CONTACTS AND THE CORNEA OF THE EYE WAS REMOVED ALONG WITH THE LENSES.

RESULT: PERMENANT BLINDNESS!

THE ELECTRIC ARC GENERATES MICROWAVES THAT INSTANTLY DRY UP THE FLUID BETWEEN THE EYE AND THE LENS, CAUSING THE CORNEA TO BE BONDED TO THE LENS. THIS TRAUMA IS PAINLESS AND THE OPERATOR NEVER KNOWS AN INJURY HAS OCCURED UNTIL REMOVING THE CONTACTS.

AS THIS PHENOMENON WAS UNKNOWN, NO FEDERAL OR STATE SAFETY AND HEALTH AGENCY HAS REGULATIONS ON THIS MATTER BUT THEY ARE PURSUING THE INVESTIGATION ZEALOUSLY AND WILL RESPOND ACCORDING TO FINDINGS.

IN THE MEANTIME, UNTIL SUCH REGULATIONS ARE ESTABLISHED OR UNTIL THIS MATTER CAN BE BROUGHT BEFORE YOUR SAFETY COMMITTEE, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT NO CONTACT LENSES BE WORN BY ANYONE, WHO IS POTENTIALLY SUBJECT TO AN ELECTRICAL SPARKING SITUATION.

(EDITORS NOTE...I DO NOT KNOW IF THE ABOVE INFORMATION HAS BEEN VERIFIED FOR VALIDITY BUT A WORD OF CAUTION TO THOSE WEARING CONTACT UNDER SUCH SITUATIONS.) TNX..KB4AXD, WA9BSO....ET ELECTRON.....