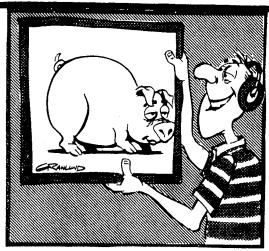
## The FRAMINGHAM

FRAMINGHAM AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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THE FRAMINGHAM AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY 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. OUR SPEAKER FOR THE EVENING WILL BE BOWMAN BUDINGER WA1QYM WHO WILL GIVE A TALK ON THE POLICE AMATEUR RADIO TEAM THAT HAS PROVIDED SUCH GOOD SERVICE IN THE WESTFORD AREA. THE FINAL REPORT ON THE SPRING FLEA MARKET WILL BE READ AND DISCUSSED. SEE YOU AT THE MEETING......

BOB FRYE W1EJU BECAME A SILENT KEY ON APRIL 16, 1981. BOB A VETERAN OF WORLD WAR 2 HAD RETIRED FROM THE NATICK LABS WHERE HE WAS AN ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN. BOB DONATED MANY ITEMS FOR THE CLUB TABLE AND HAD RECENTLY MADE THE STAFF FOR OUR FLAG. IT IS YOUR EDITORS SUGGESTION THAT A CONTRIBUTION IN HIS MEMORY BE MADE TO THE CONGREGATION BAIS CHAGAD IN HIS MEMORY....

WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO SAM LUDWIG WHOSE WIFE ROSALIE PASSED AWAY RECENTLY, AFTER A LONG ILLNESS.

EACH YEAR OUR FATHER CALLETH
OUR LOVED ONES TO ETERNAL REST
AND OUR HEARTS THOUGH FILLED WITH SADNESS
CAN BUT FEEL HE KNOWETH BEST.

## \*\*\*\* LAST MEETING \*\*\*\*

LEW K1AZE ASKED FOR VOLUNTEERS TO PERFORM THE NUMEROUS TASKS NECESSARY TO MAKE OUR FLEA MARKET THE SUCCESSFUL OPERATION THAT IT HAS BECOME. THERE WERE MANY WHO VOLUNTEERED TO SET UP TABLES, RUN THE TALK IN STATION, WORK THE CLUB TABLE, AND MAN THE FRONT DOOR......

FIELD DAY WILL BE COMING UP SOON AND IT SHOULD BE BETTER THAN EVER IF ALL WHO SHOWED AN INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING TAKE AN ACTIVE PART. AT THE JUNE MEETING FINAL PLANS WILL BE MADE FOR FIELD DAY.............

OPERATORS ARE NEEDED FOR THE MASSACHUSETTS QSO PARTY ON MAY 16 THRU 18TH, TO MAN THE CLUB STATION FOR ANY OR ALL OF THE TIME ALLOTED. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT JIM WAIUEH AT THE MAY MEETING......

GEORGE BLAKESLEE NIGB REPORTED THAT THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE HAD DISTRIBUTED THE APPLICATIONS TO ALL THE LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS, AND HAS HAD SEVERAL INTERESTED APPLICANTS APPLY. THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND THIS YEAR WILL BE \$400.00 TO THE LUCKY WINNER.....

THE ALUMINUM MEDALIONS ARE READY TO BE PICKED UP AT THE MAY MEETING.
THEY ARE VERY ATTRACTIVE, WITH A TELEGRAPH KEY IN THE CENTER, WITH
FRAMINGHAM AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION IN RAISED PRINTING AROUND THE PERIMETER.
THEY HAVE AN ADHESIVE BACKING FOR EASY MOUNTING ON YOUR CAR. LET THE WORLD
KNOW YOU ARE AN AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR NOT A CB NUT. THANKS TO GEORGE
PINKHAM KAIDJY THEY WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO US AT COST, ONLY \$3.50 EACH.

WE ARE AGAIN ASKING ALL MEMBERS TO BRING OR SEND YOUR QSL CARD FOR MOUNTING ON THE SPECIAL BULLETIN BOARD IN THE ASSOCIATION STATION. IF YOU CAN'T MAKE A MEETING, PLEASE MAIL THEM TO P.O. BOX 3005, SAXONVILLE MA. 01701.....

FRANJ W1JDO WHO INJURED HIS BIG TOE RECENTLY WHILE CHANGING SNOW TIRES IS NOT QUITE READY TO DANCE THE FANDANGO, BUT HE IS HEALING NICELT....

THE NOVICE/GENERAL CLASSES THAT THE ASSOCIATION RUNS FROM SEPTEMBER THROUGH APRIL ARE FINISHED FOR THE SEASON. THIS CLASS WAS ONE OF THE BEST WE HAVE TURNED OUT SO FAR. WITH 18 NOVICES AND 4 GENERALS LICENSES SO FAR.

MOST OF THE NOVICES MADE THEIR FIRST CONTACT USING THE ASSOCIATION
STATION. WE FEEL THAT HAVING AN OPERATING AMATEUR RADIO STATION ON THE
PREMISES KEEPS THEIR INTEREST HIGH FOR GETTING ON THE AIR. THE ASSOCIATION
OWES A DEBT OF GRATITUDE TO THE MEMBERS WHO GAVE UP 8 MONTHS OF SATURDAYS
TO TURN OUT SOME REAL GOOD AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS. LEW K1AZE, MAC WA1IGL.
ED W1NXC, EARL N1ABX AND JIM WA1UEH. THE CLASSES WILL RESUME ON THE FIRST
SATURDAY AFTER LABOR DAY. SO, IF YOU HAVE ANY RELATIVES OR FRIENDS INTERESTED
IN BECOMING AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS HAVE THEM CONTACT JIM WA1UEH AT 653-6398...

THE FOLLOWING ARE NO LONGER MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION. BOB KA1DHP,
DICK K1RAW, KEN WA1KUL, JOE WA1ZZQ, OLIN W1BBX JOHN KA1BYA AND TOM WB1FGT.
WE ARE SORRY TO SEE YOU GO BUT, I GUESS, EVERY CLUB OR ASSOCIATION HAS
THE SAME DIFFUCULTY IN COLLECTING DUES. THE INCREASING COSTS OF THE NEWSLETTER AND MAIL INCREASES MAKE IT MANDATORY THAT WE TERMINATE THOSE WHO
DO NOT CONTRIBUTE. IF ANY OF THE ABOVE ARE IN ANY DIFFUCLTY A SIMPLE
PHONE CALL TO JIM WA1UEH WILL KEEP YOU A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING.....

THE NEW ENGLAND DIVISION CONVENTION ORIGENALLY SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER IN HARTFORD, CT. HAS BEEN CANCLELED......

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ARRL MET IN ORLANDO, FLA. ON MARCH 11 AND 12, 1981, JUST BEFORE THE ARRL CONVENTION. AMONG BOARD CONCERNS WAS THE EFFECT OF CONTINUING HIGH RATES OF INFLATION ARRL FINANCIAL REAERVES. FOLLOWING A MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE OUTLOOK FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS, THE DIRECTORS VOTED TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL DUES RATE FROM 18 TO 25 DOLLARS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1981. HOWEVER, TO EASE THE IMPACT ON OLDER MEMBERS, LICENSED AMATEURS 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER MAY REQUEST A SPECIAL RATE OF 20 DOLLARS PER YEAR. POSTAL SURCHARGES MAKE THE RATES SLIGHTLY HIGHER FOR MEMBERS IN CANADA AND OVERSEAS. BEFORE JULY 1 MEMBERS MAY APPLY FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP OR TERM MEMBERSHIP FOR UP TO THREE YEARS AT THE PRESENT RATE.

YOUR ARRL DOES MORE FOR YOU THAN JUST MAIL A MAGAZINE. FOR INSTANCE, THE ARRL IS PETITIONING FOR THE RETURN OF FULL PRIVELEGES ON THE 160 METER BAND. A PROPOSAL IS OUT TO EXTEND THE GENERAL CLASS PHONE TO 3.825 TO 4.000 MHZ.

ANOTHER SUCESSFUL CLUB SEASON IS RAPIDLY COMING TO A CLOSE. WE STILL HAVE THE MAY AND JUNE MEETINGS AND, OF COURSE, OUR FIELD DAY PARTICIPATION. WE WILL ALSO, UNDOUBTEDLY, HAVE OUR SUMMER PICNIC AGAIN.

WE'VE HAD A GOOD SEASON IN TERMS OF ACQUIRING NEW MEMBERS, HAVING INTERESTING MEETINGS, AND STRENGTHENING OUR FINANCIAL POSITION. AND, OF COURSE, WE CANNOT OVERLOOK THE SUCCESS OF OUR NOVICE AND GENERAL CLASSES.

SUMMER WILL GO BY ALL TOO QUICKLY AND WE MUST NOW BEGIN THINKING ABOUT WHAT WE AS A CLUB WOULD LIKE TO DO FOR THE NEXT SEASON BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER. WE WILL, OF COURSE, CONTINUE WITH OUR FLEA MARKETS. WE DO INTEND TO CONTINUE HAVING GUEST SPEAKERS FOR SOME OF OUR MEETINGS. IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS, LETS HEAR THEM AT THE REMAINING MEETINGS.

ELECTION TIME IS NOW UPON US. I ENCOURAGE NOMINATIONS FOR CLUB OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR. ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT OUR JUNE MEETING.

YOUR EXISTING OFFICERS HAVE SERVED YOU WELL, BUT MAYBE IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE. WHAT DO YOU THINK? LET'S HEAR FROM YOU ON THIS SUBJECT AT THE NEXT MEETING. UNTIL THEN, BEST 73'S LEW NYMAN K1AZE PRESIDENT......

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARC STERN X-KA1FCB NOW N1BLH ON UPGRADING FROM TECHNICIAN TO GENERAL.....

## \*\*\*\* SOCIAL EVENTS \*\*\*\*

- MAY 9 THE 8TH ANNUAL HOSS TRADERS [THE BIGGEST AND BEST] TAILGATE SAT. SWAPFEST. DEERFIELD FAIR GROUNDS, DEERFIELD, N.H. [COVERED BUILDINGS IN CASE OF RAIN] ADMISSION \$1.00 NO COMMISSION OR PERCENTAGE. EXCESS REVENUES TO BOSTON BURNS UNIT OF THE SHRINERS HOSPITAL FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN. FOOD AVAILBALE. TALK IN ON 52 DIRECT AND 146.40/147.00. QUESTIONS OR A MAP, SEND S.A.S.E TO NORM BLAKE WA11VB RFD BOX 28 WEST BALDWIN ME. 04091......
- MAY 16 76 FLEA MARKET AND AUCTION, FLEA MARKET 10 A.M. TO NOON, AUCTION NOON TO 5 P,M. STEERES BEACH CLUB, WATERMAN LAKE, GREENVILLE RI. USE I-295 TO EXIT 7B TAKE ROUTE 44 WEST 3.4 MILES. TALK IN 146.18 AND .76 RPT. FLEA MARKET SPACE \$3.00

AUCTION 10% COMM. ON ALL SALES EXCEPT 5% SHOULD THE ITEM SOLD BRING IN EXCESS OF \$50.00. BANK AMERICARD PURCHASES ADD 2% PAID BY THE BUYER!!!.....

CABLE TV SYSTEMS ARE POSING A POTENTIAL THREAT TO AMATEUR RADIO OPERATIONS. SINCE, THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE CLOSED [NON-RADIATION] SYSTEMS MANY UTILIZE THE VHF SPECTRUM FROM 50 TO ABOVE 225 MHZ FOR THEIR MULTICHANNEL CONTENT, PROVIDING SUBSCRIBERS WITH CONTINUOUS TUNING CONVERTERS TO PERMIT THEM TO TUNE IN CABLE CHANNELS OUTSIDE THE STANDARD 12-CHANNEL VHF BAND. THIS PUTS SOME CABLE-CARRIED SIGNALS INTO THE AMATEUR BANDS, AND WHEN SYSTEMS LEAK [AN ALL TO COMMON OCCURRENCE], INTERFERENCE TO AMATEUR OPERATIONS CAN RESULT:

AMATEUR INTERFERENCE TO CABLE RECEPTION IS THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN. CABLE SUBSCRIBERS WHO'VE PAID TO WATCH CABLE MATERIAL BEING TRANSMITTED WITH-IN THE AMATEUR BAND AREN'T LIKELY TO BE VERY SYMPATHETIC WHEN POORLY SHIELDED CONVERTERS PICK UP AMATEUR SIGNALS THAT WIPE OUT THEIR PROGRAMS.

ARRL HAS BEEN WATCHING DEVELPMENT OF POTENTIAL PROBLEMS FROM CABLE
TV, AND WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM ANY AMATEUR WHO HAS HAD DIFFICULTIES WITH
INTERFERENCE TO OR FROM CABLE TV SYSTEMS. BECAUSE CABLE TV IS A REGULATED
UTILITY, CABLE SYSTEM OPERATORS ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF PROBLEMS
WITH THEIR SYSTEMS......HRR........

## \*\*\*\* SWAP AND SHOP \*\*\*\*\*