

FramingHAM Circuit

Season draws to close with elections

With all the speed of a jet plane, the Framingham Amateur Radio Assn.'s club season is ending in June with the election of officers. It only seems like yesterday when the new officers were taking their seats behind the table, getting ready for the year ahead. Well, now that year is behind us and everyone is wondering where it went?

The nominating committee, under the leadership of Jon Weiner, K1VVC, has put together a slate of officers for the 1985-86 season. Essentially, there is only one change on the board and that is Activities Officer. John MacLeod, WA1IGL, is stepping down after two years of service in this post because of his many family and organizational commitments. In his place, the nominating committee has picked Marc Stern, N1BLH, former activities officer, to fill the post.

Other than that one change, the new board will continue unchanged. The nominees are:

Bob Press, KB1EW, President
Burt Shaffer, N1DDO, Vice President
Dick Marshall, WA1KUG, Treasurer
Ken Horton, KA1GFN, Secretary
Marc Stern, N1BLH, Activities
Lew Nyman, K1AZE, Director

Nominations are still open from the June meeting floor.

Also in June, Dick, WA1KUG, chairman of the Field Day Committee, will have more information about the event. Remember, it will be held June 22 and 23 at Bowditch Field, Union Avenue, Framingham. The site has been changed in an effort to increase public awareness of the annual operating event. Dick is also planning a meeting on Field Day for sometime in the month. However, there will be further details at the meeting.

In addition to Field Day information, there will be reports from other Club committees and on club activities. Marc, N1BLH, will present a brief talk on a Tewksbury meeting of Civil Defense Radio Officers late last month, as well as give an update on RACES status for local operators. There have been some changes which will be detailed.

Even though the club year may be winding down, there will still be some ongoing activities during the summer. Field Day is one example as is the club's annual picnic, whose date will be announced at the meeting. The Framingham Area Amateur Radio Emergency Net will continue to meet through the summer every Sunday night at 7:30 p.m. and there will be a newsletter about mid-summer.

We've had a successful year and the current officers deserve our thanks and the new ones deserve our wishes for continued success next year.

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Flea Market a big success

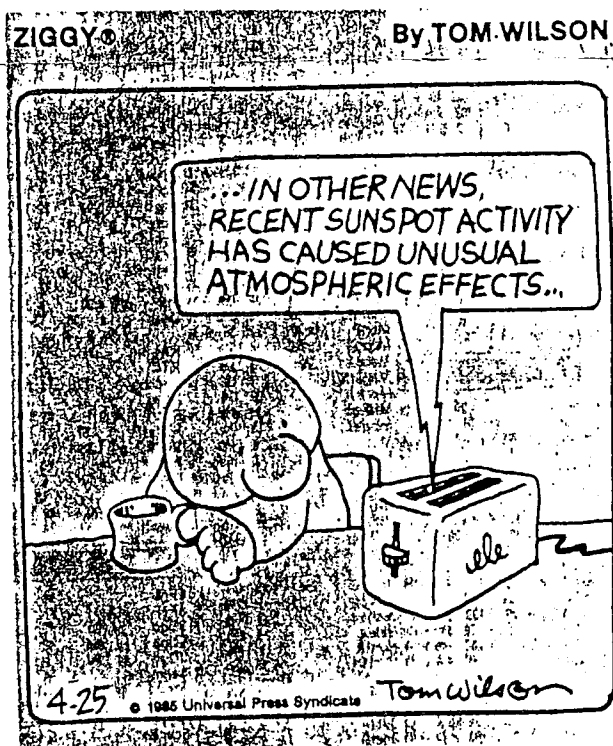
The semi-annual Flea Market turned out to be another success, according to Treasurer Dick Marshall, WA1KUG, who gave a report on the event at the May meeting. Not only did we sell out, but we had on the order of 630 Amateurs through the gates. This helps to swell the Crosby Scholarship fund.

Flea Market Chairman Lew Nyman, K1AZE, reported on the event and noted there were no problems. Set-up and breakdown went smoothly, even though though we were delayed somewhat getting everything done Saturday. We couldn't get into the auditorium of the Civic League until the evening.

Both Bob, KB1EW, and Lew thanked all those who helped to make this another successful event.

It was successful from another standpoint, too, Amateur exams. According to Chief Examiner Ed Weiss, W1NXC, there were 46 applicants for license exams, however, only 37 attended.

A total 24 Amateurs passed their exams. Ed noted that there were 10 successful upgrades to Technician, nine successful advancements to General, three upgrades to Advanced and two applicants who made the grade to Extra.



The only problem which occurred was some confusion with walk-ins which will be resolved for future exam sessions.

In other business, Scholarship Committee Chairman George Blakeslee, N1GB, discussed this year's scholarship awards. He noted that announcements for Dr. Carlton Crosby Memorial Scholarship were sent out in February to a total of 36 public and private schools. It was also announced in this newsletter and a news release was sent to various newspapers in Eastern Massachusetts.

As a result of this, there were six inquiries resulting in 3 applications. All applicants were judged eligible and received scholarships which totaled \$700.

The top scholarship went to Mike Weissel, KA1IKW, son of Betsy and Dick Weissel, WA1HRV, of Natick. He received \$300. Both Mike and Dick are FARA members. Jorge Lanzas, KA1KNA, received \$250, while Scott Spratt, WB1FPF, a former scholarship recipient, received \$150.

Moving along to other business, the Marc Stern, N1BLH, FAAREN net manager, discussed the net and noted it will become part of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service. Those who regularly check into the net will automatically be considered ARES members, although some formalities must be observed -- filling out applications. Several other operators also expressed interest in joining ARES and anyone else is still welcome to join this effort. FAAREN works with any area town which needs emergency communications and Marc asked if members would make FAAREN's existence known to the emergency communications officials in each town.

Moving onto jackets, Marc noted that 17 club members had ordered them and that they are expected shortly. He also noted that he is still taking orders for them and they are available for everyone. So far, four more club members have expressed interest in them.

Summing up, Marc also talked about upcoming amateur band assignments.

In still other business, Bob, KB1EW, read a letter was received from Tom Frenaye, K1KI, New England Division ARRL Director. Tom noted that more than 1,300 of the Amateur Radio surveys he had mailed out had been returned. He also received 250 to 300 letters with them.

The results of this survey will be available in a divisional newsletter mailing he is planning in June. Those who had asked to receive the June newsletter will receive the results because they are on his mailing list.

He received more than 1300 surveys which had been sent out and 250-300 letters. These results will be available for the June newsletter which will be sent to those who requested that their names be placed on the mailing list.

Tom also reminded us of the ARRL Special Service Club Challenge which seeks to increase League membership. The club receives a bonus because of it. Normally, ARRL renewals bring the club \$2, but under the club challenge the club receives \$3.

He also reminded us that the club receives \$3 for new memberships and \$2 for renewals if they are handled through the club.

The new repeater directory is available, it was noted and our repeater is now listed as W1FY and we are listed as a Special Service Club.

Several club members flew out to the Dayton Hamfest and gave a brief talk on it. A more detailed talk and slide presentation is planned for the fall. Those who attended included, Bob, KB1EW, Lew, K1AZE, Jon, K1VVC, and Henry KB1PE. Lew picked up a CW filter for the club's TS-430S.

Bob Gettys, N1BRM, reminded everyone that the National Weather Service was to give talk at the club station. The topic will be spotting and reporting severe weather conditions. The event was scheduled for 7:30 p.m. May 16.

Dick, WA1KUG, Field Day chairman, had a few brief words about Field Day. He noted that this year it will be held at Bowditch Field and that we will be running in the 3A category again. Among the plans will be the use of packet radio for bonus points, as well as other ideas. There will be a planning meeting in early June.

Although the nominating committee was not present, nominations were requested and Hal Allman, WN1TKD, moved that the current board serve another term. Lew amended this motion since Mac, W1IGL, no longer has the time to serve as activities officers. Lew mentioned that Marc is interested in this post and the motion was changed to reflect this. The club seconded and approved the motion and the recommendation will be passed on to the nominating committee. Anyone interesting in running should call Jon, K1VVC, committee chairman.

Nominations will be open from the floor at the next meeting before the election is held.

The meeting closed at 9:30 and we adjourned to Papa Gino's to celebrate another successful Flea Market.

Meeting adjourned at 09:30 for pizza at Papa Gino's in celebration of another successful Flea Market.

W1FY/R Report
By Lew Nyman, K1AZE
Trustee

Some repeater users may still not be aware that we have been conducting a Sunday evening check-in net at 7:30 p.m. The net is called FAAREN which stands for the Framingham Area Amateur Radio Emergency Net and anyone may check in.

We encourage as many stations to check in as possible as this demonstrates Amateur Radio's ability to respond to any type of emergency where communications must be provided. It takes just a few minutes and traffic need not be passed.

.Quite often you may hear information on upcoming events and other news pertaining to our club and Amateur Radio in general.

If you would like to be a net control station, sometime, contact Marc, N1BLH, on the repeater. He will be glad to provide you with a copy of the net preamble and some rather simple instructions.

On another matter, autopatch users are reminded to use discretion when making autopatch calls. These calls should be of of an important nature and should not be made to commercial establishments, unless the call is strictly personal in nature and the call is to a private party.

The Federal Communications Commission has been scrutinizing repeater phone patch use and has observed extreme abuse of this privilege throughout the country. There was talk of removal of this privilege from the Amateur Radio service. The only thing that has prevented this from happening thus far is Amateur Radio's ability to respond to emergencies.

Remember, the autopatch is for emergency or priority use only and if we abuse it we'll lose it.

Jackets still available to everyone

Interest in club jackets continues to run hot and heavy and five club members have expressed interest in a second round of jacket orders.

The first order, which went to the manufacturer in April and which has been delivered, consisted of 17 jackets, many more than had actually been expected by the committee.

The jackets, which will be a royal blue and which will have a stylized screen print of the club medallion, have not only the operator's name, but also the call on the front right lapel. The emblem is on the left front lapel and the club's initials FARA are on the back.

Sized from women's extra small to triple extra-large for men, the shell jackets are also flannel lined so they can be used during the spring, summer and fall. The jackets are a good addition to the club t-shirts, which many of us have and they will help us promote the club when we are in public.

If you would like to order a jacket, contact either Marc, N1BLH, at the meeting or Marjie, KA1HIA. You can also reach them on the repeater or by dropping a note to the club box.

A Tip of the Editor's Hat To . . .

. . . Mary Weiss, KA1HGL, who, unsung and singlehandedly, handled the check-ins for the Amateur Radio exams at the Flea Market. Mary assisted her husband Ed in setting everything up.

. . . Marjie Stern, KA1HIA, for receiving a community service award from Cushing Hospital.

. . . The officers, Bob, KB1EW, Burt, N1DDO, Dick, WA1KUG, Ken, KA1GFN, Mac, WA1IGL, and Lew, K1AZE, for another successful year of growth and prosperity for FARA.

. . . Mike Weissel, KA1IKW, for winning the top award in the Crosby Scholarship.

Swap & Shop

For Sale: Galaxy MK V transceiver, 400 watts p.e.p. with two power supplies, one for a.c. and one for 12-volt operation. Excellent condition. Covers 80 to 10 meters. Call Don, W1HRY, at 235-3041.

For Sale: A Hammarlund HQ-180 receiver with an external speaker. This rig is in excellent condition and would make a good receiver for any Novice who is setting up a first station. It covers .54 to 30 MHz. The best offer takes it. Contact Hans Kunz, WB4DEY, at 872-8549.

For Sale: Like-new MC-35 high-impedance hand microphone for Kenwood transceivers. Noise-cancelling feature. \$25. Contact Marc, N1BLH, on repeater or drop a note to the club box.

For Sale: Heathkit Electronic Design Experimenter board. Features include a signal generator, variable 1-15 VDC power supply, two 60 Hz signal sources of 15-30 VAC, breadboard, 100 ohm/1Kohm potentiometers. Factory assembled and tested. \$40. Contact Marc, N1BLH.

For Sale: Mint condition radioteletype demodulator. This first-rate package is the HAL ST-6 RTTY Terminal Unit. Asking \$150. Call Lew, K1AZE, at 879-7456.

Social Events

June 6: Club meeting at Danforth Museum, Lexington Street, Framingham.

June 22-23: Field Day at Bowditch Field, Framingham.

June 29: Fly into N.H.'s third largest electronic flea market at the Manchester Airport, Manchester, NH. General admission is \$1. Sellers \$5 per space. Bring your umbrella and table or tailgate. The event is sponsored by the New Hampshire FM Association. Talk-in on 146.52 direct. For information call 603-622-0831 or 603-668-8880. Rain Date is Sunday 30 June.

July 21-22: HeavyHitters HamFest and Flea Market Topsfield Fairgrounds on Route 1 in Topsfield, Mass. Events should include a large outdoor flea market, commercial exhibitors, ARRL/VEC exams, demos, foxhunts, CW contests, camping, food. We want to make this a big event! Help is needed from one and all to do this. Please contact Eliot Mayer W1MJ, 20 Driftwood Drive, Tewksbury, Ma. 01876. 617-851-0183

- Lili, KA1CDP, makes progress after surgery

Lili Hnilicka, KA1CDP, wife of Milo, AJ1S, both longtime club members, is coming along nicely following a recent bout with illness and surgery. She recently sent FARA a message thanking us for our get well wishes.

"My dear radio amateur friends,

"I would like to express my love and gratitude for your get well wishes. I am recovering very well from my recent surgery and am getting stronger each day. I miss you all, but hopefully I shall see you in the near future.

"With many, many thanks, warmest regards and,

"88, Lili, KA1CDP"

We all would like to extend our warmest wishes again for a speedy recovery and we all hope to see Lili and Milo at our events again very, very soon. Get well quickly.

President's Corner

As we approach our final meeting of the club year, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have made this past year so successful. Our list of accomplishments is long, including two very successful flea markets, field day, scholarships, upgrade of the club station, the banquet, several public service events, novice and general classes, exam conduct and acquisition of the Framingham repeater; to name those that come immediately to mind. We also had a lot of fun in the process.

The club goal for next year is to get even more of the members to actively participate in the club operation and activities, and to get the club upgraded station into regular operation.

My thanks especially to the club officers and committee chairmen and chairwomen, without whom none of the accomplishments of the past year would have been possible. I would like to single out the recent participation of our vice-president, Burt, N1DDO, who placed the order and helped to serve the pizzas after the last meeting, while the rest of us were getting served and eating.

To an even better year to come...

73, Bob, KB1EW
