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JOIN ARRL TODAY. FARA BENEFITS, YOU BENEFIT, OUR HOBBY BENEFITS

Film, Talk Planned on SET Participation; Flea Market

Now that Gloria has disappeared into history, we're going to prepare for future emergencies by participating in the Section Emergency Test of the American Radio Relay League. A heavy snowstorm scenario has been planned by Section Emergency Coordinator Barry Porter, KB1PA, and we will be participating through the Framingham Area Amateur Radio Emergency Net (ARES).

As a local club, we can deviate from the planned activity and we will be doing just that, according to local EC Marc Stern, N1BLH. The planning had us involved in a hurricane and our activity for the October meeting had been keyed to it with an audio-visual aide. But, the film's interesting, just the same, and it will keep emergency work fresh in our minds. N1BLH will have a short talk after the film about SET.

Also at the meeting, Flea Market Chairman Lew Nyman, ~~W1AZE~~, will have a few words to say about the semi-annual event. He will also have a signup sheet and will pass it around for those who want to help out. Exams are also planned and the deadline is Oct. 15.

This year we will also be participating in ARRL Sweepstakes as part of an effort to keep our edge for Field Day later in the year. We will be running under the club category and using the equipment at W1FY. There will also be a signup sheet for both the CW and phone portions of the contest. It will be an interesting couple of weekends, so plan now to help out.

Summer activities highlight September meeting

Last month's meeting was a busy affair with reports on Field Day, the club picnic and the activities of our emergency net. The meeting began at 7:50 and the first order of business was the introduction of new people present at the meeting.

After this was finished, Marc, N1BLH, gave a report on Field Day, which was held this year at Bowditch Field. The number of contacts was down from last year due to band conditions.

Phone contacts outweighed CW contacts by 2 to 1, a situation we would like to change next year. It has been suggested that we also run

4A next year. We again had use of a trailer, provided by Perini Corp. in which we located two stations including a packet station. Williams Trailer Sales also provided us with a vehicle where we had another station. Again, Dick Marshall, WALKUG, served as cook, with the usual delicious results.

Turning to the picnic, this annual outing was held at Hopkinton State Park. The event was catered by The Downtown Deli.

A well-deserved round of applause was given to the committee, Marjie Stern, K1HIA, and Barbara Eagle, K1KVH, for the work they put into making this a successful event. Some members have suggested that we look for another site which will allow alcoholic beverages. Any suggestions will be considered with travelling distance being a factor.

Ed Weiss, W1NXC, education committee chairman, gave a short talk on the upcoming Novice and Technician/General classes. Exams will be given for all classes at the upcoming Flea Market for those who are ready at that time. It has not been determined at this time if walk-ins will be permitted. It will mainly depend on the amount of help available for the exam session. It was brought up that all applicants must have their original licenses at the exam session, as well as a photocopy with the application.

Marc gave a short talk on FAAREN which became an ARES net over the summer. Operators were also asked to contact their local Civil Defense organizations and inform them of our existence and capabilities. Operators with RACES certification are also needed.

The group was also reminded that they should renew the ARRL membership through the club since we get credit. There is a ARRL program called Group Challenge to increase the number of memberships and in return we get credit toward equipment. This also increase our representation by the league in upcoming matters pertaining to Amateur Radio.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 for a talk given by Tom Frenaye, K1KI, on Amateur Radio in the Soviet Union. Included was a short background in his achievement as ARRL Division Director and the Novice proposal for voice privileges.

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Club Station: WLFY. Repeater: WLFY/R, 147.75/15 FAAREN Net: Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Classes: Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.

Last week was a tragic one for two FARA families as both lost loved ones within 24 hours.

Karen Nyman, KALBYP, received word that her father had passed away Sunday evening and less than 24 hours later Arnie Zunick, KLBPM, the Peabody branch of the club received news of his father's death.

Our sympathies and condolences go to each family in their hours of sorrow. The funerals for each were last week as were memorial observances.

A Tip Of The Editor's Hat To . . .

. . . Lew Nyman, KLAZE, for his solo flight this week. He is taking flight instruction from Bob Press, KBLEW, and Dick Marshall, WALKUG, both longtime flight instructors, who have trained other club members to fly, including Marty Green, WALWHU, and Ed Sawyer, KSLY. They are also in the process of training Resa Green, WALZKZ.

. . . Karen and Steve Marshall on the birth of their first child, a girl, Moriah Lynn. Moriah weighed in at a healthy 9.1 pounds and was 22 inches long. The proud grandparents are Dick, WALKUG, and Marsha, KALJIR, Marshall.

BARS Needs Operators To Help At Jamboree

The Billerica Amateur Radio Society has undertaken the monumental task of providing public service communications for the regional Boy Scout Jamboree to be held next weekend at Tewksbury and they have asked for our help. Specifically, they have asked for operators to help provide relief and support for the BARS effort. Anyone with a Technician class license or higher can help out.

Pat Couture, N1CKN, a member of both FARA and BARS, made the request recently and noted they are expecting to provide communications assistance for as many as 10,000 to 12,000 Scouts for the weekend.

This is a great chance to give our hobby some good, positive public relations and it's also our chance to help repay other clubs for the help they have given us in the past when our communities or events have needed it.

If you'd like to participate, we'd suggest calling on the 147.120 MHz Billerica repeater and they'll probably be more than happy to help put you in touch with the organizers.

Swap & Shop

FOR SALE: Epson MX80-F/T Printer with friction and tractor feed options, Centronics parallel interface connector and installed 16K internal print buffer. Package includes two new black ink ribbons. A super deal for a computer hobbyist at \$300. Contact Bob Chin, WBLFHT, at Box 3132, Framingham, 01701, or call 877-0195.

WANTED: 2-meter transceiver, preferably synthesized. Contact Bob Zakon, WLNWV, at 877-5001.

For Sale: Two Kenwood microphones: Like-new MC-35 high-impedance hand mic for Kenwood transceivers. Noise-cancelling feature. \$25. Contact Marc, N1BLH, on repeater or drop a note to the club box. Brand-new, MC-55 mobile boom mic for Kenwood series transceivers. Will work with TR-7850, 7950/7930, and other VHF rigs. \$35. Marc, N1BLH.

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.

Tidbits

Jacket sales are moving right along with an order having been sent out last month. We now have more than 30 club members with jackets. If you want one contact Marc, N1BLH, or Marjie, KALHIA, for information.

A new column will be starting next month in "The FramingHAM Circuit", the "Recipe Box." We already have some contributed and had planned to use them in this issue, but due to unforeseen circumstances, such as a lady named Gloria, time and space were limited. The column is open to any YL or OM who wants to contribute their favorite recipe. Please send them to P.O. Box 3005, Framingham, MA 01701, c/o "Recipe Box."

Classes have started out strongly with more than 20 Novice and general candidates studying. The instructors this year are Ed Weiss, WLNXC, Wayne Ledder, WLEWL, and John MacLeod, WALIGL.

FARA will be participating in Sweepstakes next month from WLFY. Those operators who would like to participate should contact Marc, N1BLH, who will have a signup sheet at the meeting. We need both CW and phone ops. More details at the meeting.

Sales of club jackets are continuing hot and heavy and the committee has begun taking new requests as it gets another order ready and we already have commitments for four to six more jackets. This will push the number of jackets ordered since the April Flea Market to more than 30. You, too, can have your own royal blue -- with white lettering -- FARA jacket. Send a check to the club box for \$24.99 to the club box and indicate your size. If you have any further questions contact Marjie, KALHIA, or Marc, N1BLH, on the repeater.

Social Events

Thursday, Oct. 3: meeting

Saturday, Oct. 19: SET at WLFY

Sunday, Oct. 27; FARA Flea Market

Saturday, Oct. 5: New England's biggest ham radio flea market -- The Hoss Traders will hold its third annual fall swapfest at the Deerfield fairgrounds in Deerfield N.H. ***** Rain or Shine ***** Friday night camping opens at 4 p.m. The fees will be collected by the Fair Grounds Association. Admission \$2, tail-gating included. Good food available. All profits benefit the Boston Burns Unit of the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children. Talk-in on .52 direct or 146.40/147.00. Questions can be answered by sending an SASE to Joe Demaso K1RQG, Star Route Box 56 Bucksport Me.

Saturday, Oct. 5: The CQ Radio Club of Torrington Ct. will hold it's annual flea market at the East Albert Recreation Building. Go North on Route 8, take Hospital exit and follow signs to flea market. The doors open at 8 a.m. for dealers and at 9 a.m. for buyers. Tables are \$7 and tailgating is \$5. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Plenty of free parking. Admission is \$1. Refreshments available. Talk-in on 146.955.

Sunday, Oct. 27: New England's biggest and best indoor flea market. The Framingham amateur Radio Assn. will hold a flea market and exams, at the Framingham Civic League Building, 214 Concord St. (Route 126) Framingham. Doors open for public at 10 a.m. Admission is \$2 per person; tables are \$10 in advance, table setup is from 8:30 to 10 a.m. For more information, contact Jon at 617-877-7166, or contact Framingham amateur Radio Assn., Inc. 37 Lyman Road, Framingham, Ma. 01701.

Friday, Nov. 1: An auction of radio, electronic and computer items will be held at the Granger School -- Routes 57 and 187, west of Springfield -- starting at 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Hampden County RA, there is no admission charge and refreshments are available. The club will collect a 10 percent commission on all sales. For information, contact Ron Beauchemin, WB1ETS, 413-739-5228.

Local Antenna Regulations Preempted by FCC

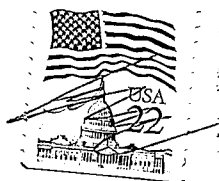
According to "W5YI Report," The FCC has acted on preemption. "The Commission has declared a limited preemption over station and local regulation concerning amateur radio facilities holding that there is a strong federal interest in promoting amateur communications. The FCC has taken the position that local and state governments cannot arbitrarily prevent antenna effectiveness by ruling against them."

"The Commission rule on PRB-1 during mid-September. 'While recognizing that there are certain general state and local interests which may legitimately affect amateur radio facilities,' the FCC said that ... 'state and local regulations which preclude amateur communications are in direct conflict with federal objectives and must be preempted.'"

"The Commission declared that 'local regulations which involve placement, screening or height of antennas based on health, safety or aesthetic considerations must reasonably accommodate amateur communications and represent the minimum practicable regulation to accomplish the purpose of the local authorities."

This is the gist of this important ruling, although W5YI does ask an interesting questions: "What role does 'aesthetics' play in local and state antenna zoning ordinances?" That is a good one and something we'll have to be leery of until some precedents are established.

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